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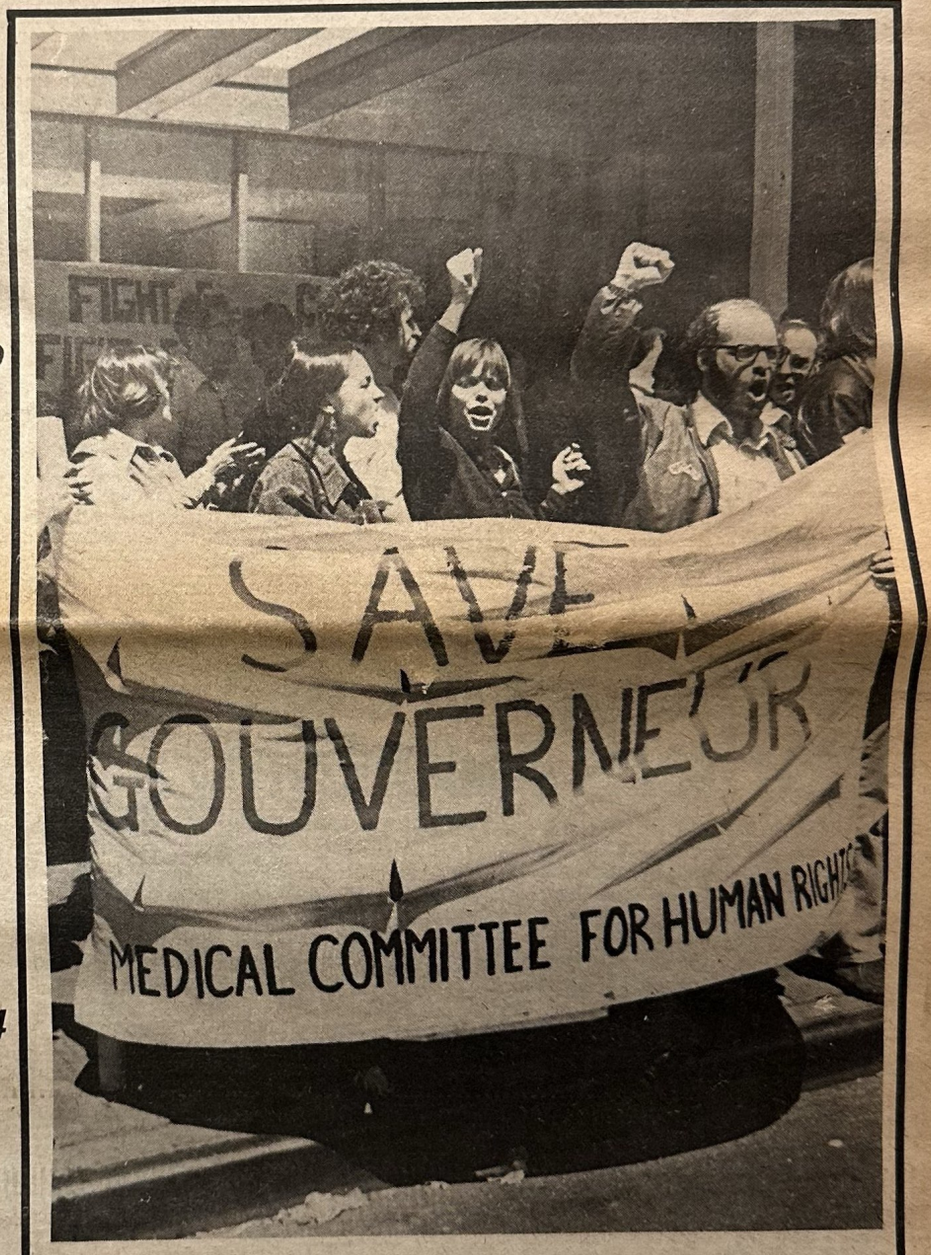

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Rank and File Take On Hacks in Elections

Members of IUE Local 461 at the Singer plant in NJ recently voted for union officers for the next two years. There was some hot campaigning with many important issues coming out and a real challenge set up to the entrenched leadership in the local, who have been sitting at the top of the union and running it like their own private club.

This election came at a time when conditions in the plant are getting worse all the time. Supervisors are doing more production work while workers have to wait for work, jobs are being combined, and working conditions are as unsafe as ever. The electrical industry is being hit hard with plant closings, runaways, layoffs, and generally rotten pay and benefits. The elections was an excellent opportunity to get out the issues clearly and take on the question of what in the hell are these people running the unions doing about it?

Many of the workers there are fed up with the present administration standing as an obstacle to fighting the company. Some people came forward to run as opposition, including two members of the United Workers Organization and two other workers. Although the imcumbant administration won the election (the opposition candidates got about 20-25% of the vote), the campaign shook the plant up, put some of these company yes-men on the spot, and went a long way in showing an opening for the rank and file to take up the fight and rely on themselves to organize and prepare for future battles.

Going into the election, people didn't think they'd be able to break the stranglehold of the administration's machine in one shot. But they knew that something had to be done, and since these so-called union leaders had the nerve to run on their past record, it was time to challenge them for all the times they've turned their backs on the rank and file. Time to put out a program in opposition to their company-unionism, a program based on fighting the company and not sacrificing away everything workers have workers have worked and fought for.

It was off of these conditions and sentiments in the plant that a program was developed:

1) continue to fight for a decent contract. In November, '75 Singer workers struck over contract issues. While the rank and file was walking the picketlines, the union officials compromised the key demands, then when the company saw how weak the union was, they refused to even sign that contract! So there's still no contract signed at Singer.

2) End secret society unionism--put the union back in the hands of the rank and file. The union leadership is worse than do-nothing, the company has more of a say in the affairs of the union than the membership. Like in one dept. where a grievance against standard cuts has been sitting on somebody's desk for several years. The union, which like others, was won with the sweat and blood of many workers, must now be wrenched out of the hands of these traitors and once again used as a weapon in the hands of the rank and file against the company.

3) Take the offensive against layoffs and runaways. Over half a million jobs have left this area over the past 7 years. Singer has sent many jobs to its plant in South Carolina. Westinghouse has already closed down one plant and four others are slated to go. It will take a lot more than legislative hearings to fight these companies throwing thousands out of work in search of higher profits.

The administration slate used slander and mud-slinging, trying to discredit the opposition and take the hear off themselves. But when it came to an open challenge to debate the issues in front of the membership, they wanted nothing to do with it. The opposition vote was significant, directly challenging these company agents. Every vote was a blow against them. And although they are still in office, their positions are getting shakier. The workers are using the election campaign to get more organized to take on the company, and continue to build the struggle in the plant, pushing ahead through all the obstacles.

Cerro Wire & Cable Workers Face Contract

The contract at Cerro Wire and Cable is due to run out on July 1 and at this point all the company is offering is to extend the contract AS IS for 1 more year, a bare faced attack while inflation bites deeper into our paychecks. IBEW Local 3 is negotiating around a list of demands that pretty well sums up what most workers need but so far their "negotiating" means no gains. Aside from rumors there's no definite word on what's going on and no date on the next union meeting.

In response to a United Workers Organization leaflet put out by the electrical committee, a group of Cerro workers met with some UWO members, talked about the general situation and summed up which demands were most important and could unite the broadest number of workers. These are more money and a COLA, 8 sick days (there are none now), minimum of 2 weeks paid vacation during the 2 week plant shutdown, company paid Blue/Cross/Blue Shield (now you get $45/day from the union only if you're hospitalized) and improved safety on the machines. They're also demanding that the company have no say in chosing shop stewards.

Now the main task is to pull together and make the determination for these demands a real force throughout the plant. The UWO leaflet was well received and the overwhelming response was that it "spoke the truth." The meeting with the UWO took this one step further as workers started figuring out how to build the struggle in an organized way where resistance before had been by individuals and largely sporadic. The union leaders & Cerro's personnel director tried to confuse and discourage workers from fighting by saying that people shouldn't have anything to do with "communists". The fact is that this is the best chance Cerro workers have to make some real gains and build their fighting unity and it is because of this that the company and their agents will use every trick to stop that from growing.

A lot of workers are saying that it's a good idea to get together but it can't be done. Sure it's a difficult task but it's not a mystery and it's for damn sure not impossible. It's the only way that we can at least begin to stop from being crushed further.

Whenever the next union meeting is, it's sure to be attended by many more workers than the last one. Most are going to be sick and tired of the way things are, and more ready to change things. They want their demands met, not more doubletalk.

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Workers Move To "Bust The Union Busters"

In the last month workers have torn off what was supposed to be strictly a private affair-a series of seminars openly dedicated to busting unions and "preserving non-union status." Attending these affairs are representatives of many of the biggest corporations in the country, shelling out hundreds of dollars each in registration fees. But workers, in actions spearheaded nationwide by the Organizing Committee for a National Workers Organization, are giving these magnates of industry a lesson for free. It's a foretaste of the kind of organized struggle they can expect from the organization when it is formed this coming Labor Day weekend in Chicago.

As part of their drive to squeeze ever more out of the labor of the workers, the capitalists have payrolled an outfit called Advanced Management Research (and another called Executive Enterprise) to sponsor a traveling roadshow featuring as ringmaster Dr. Charles Hughes, infamous former head of Texas Instruments, whose claim to fame is having kept it non-union and the workers at near starvation wages. The company representatives attending these seminars hope to keep their presence a secret to avoid bad publicity. But much to their discomfort the Organizing Committee for a National Workers Organization has pulled a switch and made them do the *sweating for a change.*

For example, just outside Seattle two days after May Day, 25 workers, who had only heard of the meeting at the last minute, picketed and a delegation barged into one of these conferences confronting the executives and reading a statement denouncing their union busting tactics.

One of the fatcats tried to act brave and yelled at the spokesman for the Organizing Committee, "Where do you work?" "I work for Bethlehem Steel, where do you work?" responded the worker, at which point not one businessman had the courage to answer. The working class is proud of its struggles, but these representatives of the owning class cowered in a corner rather than openly associate the names of their companies with their union busting plans. They were forced to call the cops to extricate themselves from their sorry situation.

On May 12 a two-pronged attack was launched simultaneously in New York City and Detroit. In Detroit when the seminar rolled into town a group of 15 workers picketed outside, then grabbed the bull by the horns and marched inside. They had planned to take the meeting over but finding the executives filling their fat jowls with lunch they confronted them and raised hell. A Ford Motor Company representative was found hiding in the corner to keep his presence unknown-and this in Motor City, the heartland of the UAW!

At the same time this action was taking place, 25 other workers stormed into the New York headquarters of Advanced Management Research and staked a "Warning" to the wall. (see article)

In many areas mobilization around these union busting seminars has been brought into the unions. Just outside Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the UAW local at Latrobe Die Casting where the workers are waging a hard fought strike, the Organizing Committee united with the local union in holding a meeting attended by 45 workers around how to build the strike, the union busting conferences and the national workers organization.

In Milwaukee at the Allied Industrial Workers Local 232 (Briggs and Stratton), the biggest local in the city, the "Bust the Union Busters" offensive was taken up by the rank and file, jamming the local officials into giving the Organizing Committee for a National Workers Organization space for an article in the local newsletter, with the Executive Board promising to introduce a resolution against the seminars at the next union meeting. The Steelworkers Local 1208 in Seattle and Local 3669 at Wyman-Gordon in Chicago have gone on record condemning the union busting conferences.

It is clear that the union busters are starting to feel the heat as the Organizing Committee brings more and more workers into action around this particular outrage. These beginning actions also make clearer the ability a national workers organization will have, once it is formed, in focusing the strength of workers mobilized nationwide in major campaigns around abuses like this and others perpetrated by the owning class.

UWO Hits AMR In NYC

The executives of Advanced Management Research went to work on May 12th just like they do every day. Ahead of them was another 8 hours of selling their "research" to big corporations and government agencies. Things like Preserving Non-Union Status, and Making Unions Unnecessary and Maintaining Managements Right To Manage--that's what AMR churns out for the highest bidders.

But May 12th didn't stay normal for long. At 10 am, a delegation came calling. 25 angry workers barged right in without an appointment. They were from the United Workers Organization, mostly night shift workers who had just put in 8 hours for AMR's clients. And members of UWOC, who had been managed out of jobs by these same firms. They were there to put AMR on notice that the workers knew what AMR was up to and that their "conferences" won't go down without a fight.

The New York delegation hit on AMR at the same time that workers in Detroit were marching against a union busting conference there. (See article.)

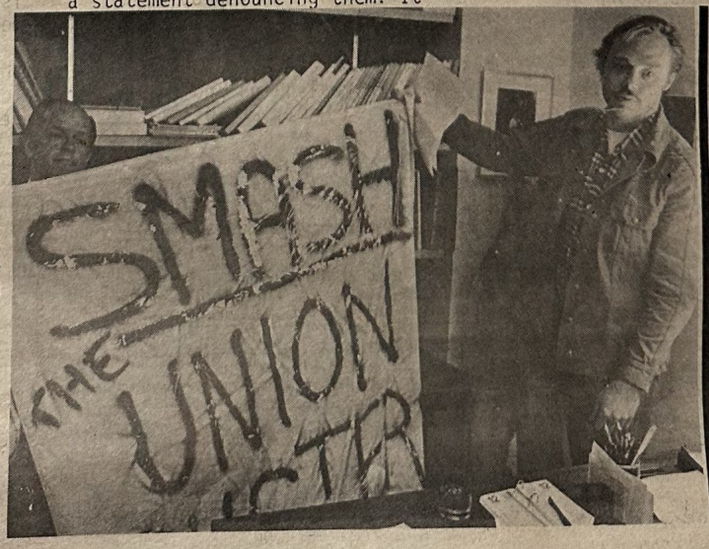
Inside the offices, the workers forced the AMR bosses to stand up and shut up so they could listen to a statement denouncing them. It read, in part,

"You are the lowest of the low life, no better than the lousy Pinkertons of the 30s that made the workers blood flow in the streets in our great unionizing drives. Goons in fancy suits are goons just the same. Wherever you go around the country workers will be demonstrating, responding to the call put out by the Organizing Committee for a National Workers Organization. You may intend to use these conferences to help drive us down into the dirt but we will never permit this, Wherever you go working people will be there."

And to make sure the executives got the point, a copy of the statement was nailed to the wall for all to read.

True to form, just as the workers were leaving, AMR called the police. The goons in blue came running from a strike a few blocks away, where they were "protecting" Harcourt and Brace Publishers from the just demands of the workers.

But while the cops were coming up one elevator, the workers were going down another one. They left without incident--and they left behind a message that AMR has just heard the beginning of.



The UWO delegation made sure that this AMR exec heard every word of their message.

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Victory to the People of South Africa

Rank on rank, the marchers swung down the street chanting slogans in support of the Southern African people's struggle, drawing whouts of support from people on the sidewalks. All in all over 1600 people took part in the African Liberation Day March in Washington D.C. on May 28. They were on their way to the White House to let Jimmy Carter and the rich ruling class he works for know that the American people won't stand for their slick-talking, double-dealing attacks on the people of Zimbabwe, Namibia and Azania. The crowd was a mix of Black, White, Latin, and other faces and at the same time every face expressed the same kind of unity and determination. The numbers signaled a new birth for African Liberation Day in the U.S.

The ALD celebration was even larger than expected. In D.C. itself dozens decided to come when African Liberation Day Coalition headquarters had its window broken in the dark of night by a cam of spray paint to which was taped a note threatening the "nigger-commies" demonstration with the "wrath of the United Ku Klux Klan of America." The Coalition answered with a mass leaflet which explained why the big millionaire capitalists use the Klan. "They fear working people, Black and white standing up against them. We will not let a bunch of racist bastards and chickens stop us--we'll roll right over them if they try."

As people rallied in Kalorama Park in D.C. Saturday morning, the 28th, a handfull of Klanners and later their fascist blood brothers, the Nazis, showed their faces very briefly. The crowd surged toward them, anxious to lay hads on these scum. Battered and bloody, they cowered behind police lines and then sprinted for safety. One person from the Chicago bus was nervous about this attack and a postal worker who had been on the bus told her not to worry, sying "I came to yell out how I feel and nothing's going to stop me!"

A brief send-off rally began the march. In front was the Soweto Brigade (named after the town where the urban rebellions in South Africa centered last year), with close to 600 students and youth, many dressed in red ALD t-shirts, who marched behind a banner which proclaimed "Long Live the Spirit of Soweto. Youth Fighting for Liberation from the USA to USA." They chanted in cadence "US Out of Africa! Superpowers Hands Off!" and other slogans.

The next was a workers contingent, organized by the Organizing Committee for a National Workers Organization. Despite the fact that ALD organizing had not been done heavily in the plants, 350 workers of all nationalities came out to show support for the S. African people. In discussions on the busses and in the park many of them pointed out how the same companies they worked for a fought against, like Ford, pay black workers less than $2 a day in their plants in southern Africa--we face a common enemy in US imperialism.

Large contingents followed, made up of African Liberation Support Committee chapters and other groups and individuals, Ethiopian, Iranian, and Eritrean students who are struggling against brutal imperialist-backed dictatorships in their home countries, and in the rearguard, veterans from the Vietnam Veterans Against the War marching in military formation.

The march wound through the Black community arousing interest and solidarity-a number of people joined in. At the White House the march stopped across the street and the marchers pointed accusing fingers at the building chanting "Carter, Young, You Can't Hide! We Know You're On The Racists' Side!", as a line of police nervously fingered their clubs.

Then the rally began, right across the street from the White House. Among the main speakers was David Sibeko of the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania, who declared that the struggle of the Azanian people "has come to the critical crossroads." He closed by stating the powerful feelings of solidarity he felt for the youth of the Soweto Brigade and the Vietnam Vets.

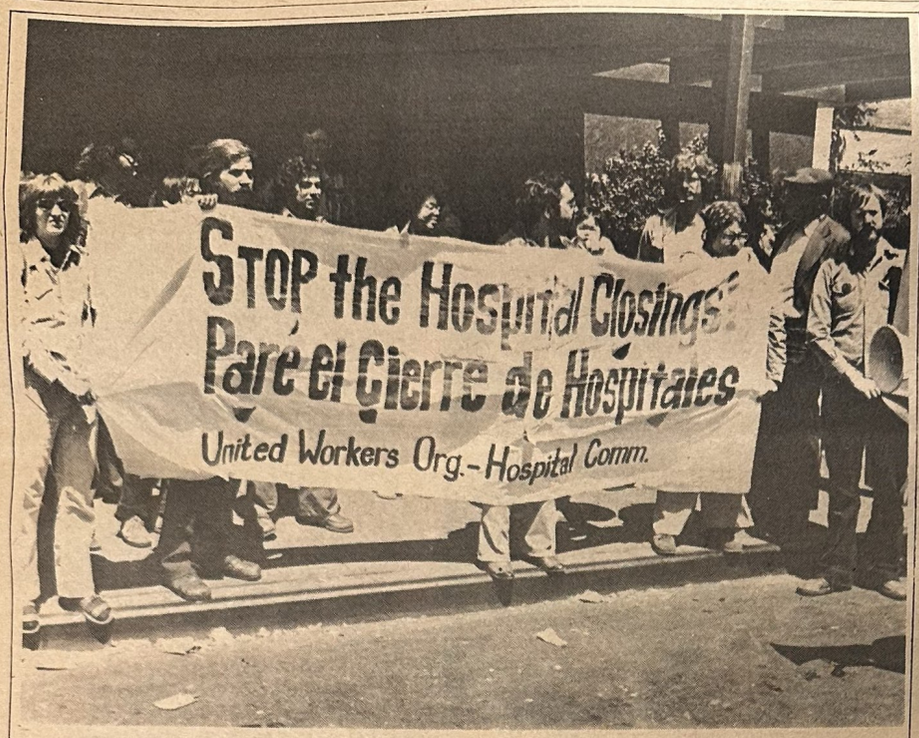
Some members of VVAW responded by symbolically turning their old uniforms over to the African guerilla fighters, reading a letter which said: "Wearing these military uniforms or ones like them, we veterans of the US military learned first hand about "freedom" and "aggression." Instead of fighting for freedom and stopping aggression we found ourselves fighting for the profits of the ruling rich and trying to crush the peoples' struggle...We have come to actively oppose the system that exploits and oppresses the people of the world, vowing to "Fight the Rich, Not Their Wars"...please accept these fatigues as concrete aid for your struggle."

A speaker also showed the sneakers that basketball stars Walt Bellamy and Lou Hudson had given to help build t the drive to collect supplies for the liberation forces.

A moving statement of solidarity w was delivered by Fred Walters, a 62 year old white worker who heads the Gulf Coast Pulpwood Workers Union, which united black and white woodcutters in Mississippi in struggle against the robbery of the big paper and timber companies. He told how "they'll do anything to keep black and white from uniting. But we did it anyway. And just look around here!" The applause rang off the White House wass walls. At the rally, he pledged the support of his organization to the struggle in southern Africa, saying he and others are ready to do whatever is necessary-"Even if it means going over there ourselves!"

It was emphasized that ALD must be not be seen as something that's over until next May 28, but as a springboard to further develop solidarity with southern Africa as the struggle there blazes to new intensity. People on the busses home, summing up what had been for many their first political march, also talked about ideas for building support in the coming months: education projects like meetings and slide shows, collecting material aid like clothes and sneakers and continuing to keep the heat of the ruling class with militant actions like pickets against the Krugerrand.

If people came to DC with fighting fighting spirit they were returning home with it redoubled by the demonstration. The spirit of Soweto which is rocking all of South Africa, had on May 28 shaken the walls of the White House too!



Medical professionals from all over the country joined with workers and community fighters to demonstrate for Gouverneur.

Gov't Plans To Merge Away City Hospitals

In the first major act by the Health and Hospital Corporation since Mayor Beame reorganized it and brought it more tightly under his control, the city rulers took another step towards eliminating the city hospital system.

The HHC proposed that pediatric and obstetric services at Flower and Fifth Avenue, a small voluntary (private, non-profit making) hospital on Manhattan's upper east side, be moved to Metropolitan, a large city hospital serving East Harlem in Manhattan. In return doctors from Flower would be able to fill beds at Met with their private patients.

Although it seems like Harlem residents would be gaining clinics, actually total services to the East Harlem community could be reduced through this plan. And as more private patients are admitted to Metropolitan poor Black and Latin patients for whom the city hospital is their only source of health services will have to be turned away. The merger of these services at Flower and Met is a big move in the trend to integrate private and city hospitals which has already begun at Bellevue, another large city hospital where private patients have also been admitted.

The new executive vice president of the HHC Joseph Lynaugh stated that the merger "represents the first steps of a full-scale reorganization of the voluntary and municipal hospitals in the city."

And bigger reorganizations are in the works. Lynaugh, who besides running the HHC is the executive director of the federal Health Systems Agency. Last year the HSA came up with a plan to consolidate all NYC hospitals, both municipal and private, into a single system consisting of a few big medical empires scattered throughout the city. The end result would be less services for fewer people at higher costs.

Other steps are being taken towards the goals laid out in the HSA report. Already the HHC has called for the merger of several city hospital services that go into effect July 1. Gouverneur, on the Lower East Side, is to become a satellite of Bellevue, and all its lab and X-ray services will be removed. Greenpoint and Cumberland, serving 2 different areas in Brooklyn, will be run by one administration, and pediatric and obstetric services may be cut from Greenpoint. Next year both hospitals are slated to be closed and replaced by the new Woodhull city hospital, which is nowhere near the two others. And statements by some city officials have raised doubts that this new hospital will really be opened as a city hospital.

Only community resistance has stopped the closings of Sydenham and Bird S. Coler Hospitals. In addition, the Montefiore medical empire in the Bronx is "actively pursuing" (in the words of its president of the board of trustees) buying North Central Bronx, the city hospital opened last fall only after 2 months of hard struggle by workers, staff, and community. A similar situation is developing at Coney Island Hospital, serving thousands of senior citizens in Brooklyn, where rumors are that the hospital will be sold to private interests.

The attack on the city hospitals is a heavy blow to the people of NYC and the latest mergers and cuts aimed at their elimination hit hardest at communities where service has always been the worst-Harlem, Chinatown, Lower East Side, South Bronx-minority communities where the existence of city hospitals is a life-and-death matter.

But just as minority and other working people fought to get the services they need, they are fighting to keep these services today. Battles small and large have continually been fought over the city hospital. Last month, people in Harlem demonstrated at Logan Hospital, a small voluntary hospital where the HHC cut emergency ambulatory services instead of closing Sydenham. The demonstration carried the message of the Black community there: "neither hospitals may be great, but we need both, and we won't trade one for the other." At Gouverneur, a small action by community people, the Medical Committee for Human Rights, and the NY-NJ United Workers Organization hit budget cuts that would leave thousands of Blacks, Latins, Chinese and other working people without a hospital for the Lower East Side. And as working conditions continue to rapidly deteriorate with attrition cutting deeply into staff, speed-up and harassment on the jobs has sparked new struggles. At Lincoln, workers in 2 departments have been fighting harassment by supervisors, forced overtime, and speed-up. Together with other workers and staff in the hospital they have put out a newsletter to organize the resistance to the cuts. And the struggle is bound to grow, as politicians and officials at all levels of government are sharpening their axes.

Carter's Man Slams Health Services; Says Cut

President Carter and Senator Teddy Kennedy, both of whom never miss a chance to parade themselves as promoters for good health care are on the rampage again. Carter recently proposed a limit on medicare payments to keep down medical costs. And now Carter's HEW Secretary Califano is on a crusade against the nations hospitals, which he charged are being run "peculiarly outside our free enterprise system."

What does he mean by this? It means with the economy going through a severe case of the shakes, it can no longer afford to provide people with health care even at the miserable levels of the 1960's. Testifying at Kennedy's Senate hearings, Califano said, "We believe we're dealing with fat. We believe we're saying instead of having 5 pieces of chocolate cream pie for dessert, they should hold it to one."

Hell, working people have never even tasted chocolate cream pie. The capitalists may have dropped a few stale crumbs, and now they are even snatching these back. The cuts in health care across the country aren't trimming fat. They are slashing deep into the flesh and blood of minority and working people.

SALT Talks No. 197...

US, USSR Each Out To Disarm – The Other

In mid-May U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko released a communique from their three days of talks in Geneva indicating that the two superpowers had come to an agreement that would lead to progress in the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT). This "agreement" was in marked contrast to the enraged Soviet response to two U.S. SALT proposals put forward by Vance to Gromyko in a meeting in Moscow in late March. Presumably, this means the world is a little safer, one step closer to disarmament.

But what did Vance and Gromyko actually agree on? A closer look at the aftermath of their conference shows that the only thing they agreed upon was that they wanted to agree on something. And what is SALT all about? Is it really about disarmament, the mutual destruction of strategic (nuclear) weapons?

SALT-No Break in Arms Race

The SALT and similar "disarmament" talks have been going on for nearly a decade. Behind the rhetoric of "peace" and "world stability through detente" lies the ugly reality that the superpowers' "disarmament" has been one part arms limitations and nine parts pure deception. In fact, each agreement to limit the arms race in one field has led to an intensification of the arms race in another.

Some of the agreements to "disarm" have dealt with weapons the superpowers had not even developed, such as seabed or space-based. The reason they did this was to avoid an expensive arms race that might not give them any advantage over the other. The two agreed not to deploy more than two antiballistic missile (ABM) sites, mainly because they were not "cost-effective" weapons. The dollars, and rubles saved did not flow out to the people in the form of social services as advertised, but rather were plowed back into other weapons systems.

At a 1974 summit conference between President Ford and Soviet leader Brezhnev in Vladivostok the two sides came to an unofficial understanding "limiting" the number of launchers (bombers and land or sea-based missiles) each side could hold to 2400. This Vladivostok understanding exposes a lot of what SALT is all about.

At the time of the 1974 understanding the U.S. had 2147 launchers, by mid-'76 the number had dropped to 2097, as worn out B-52 bombers were retired. Of those figures, the number of missiles in the U.S. inventory, 1700, has remained the same for a decade. The 2400 "limit" was meaningless to the U.S., much higher than any U.S. plans. The Soviets had 2435 lauchers in mid-'74 so two years later one could assume that they would have scrapped 35 systems. Not so. In 1976 the Soviet inventory came in at 2507. Obviously, the Soviet social-imperialists understood the "understanding" as well as their U.S. imperialist counterparts.

Vance and Gromyko get ready to asSALT each other.

But even during this period, when there was a lot of jive talk about limiting launchers, the real action in strategic weapons was elsewhere-multiple warheads. The same understanding limited the number of launchers that could carry multiple warheads to 1320 but said nothing about how many warheads each could carry. The superpowers piled them on as heavy as the technology could carry. By mid-'76, the 2400 "limit" concealed that the Soviet Union had 3250 warheads and the U.S. 8530! And these warheads do not represent stockpiles but those actually riding missiles and bombers, ready to go. Some of the big increase in warheads during this period were undoubtedly bought with the money saved from not building more missiles.

This bogus 2400 "limit" is in fact the agreement Vance and Gromyko agreed to agree on in Geneva. This is their target for SALT 2 (although there are still big differences within this, such as whether or not the technological trump card the U.S. holds, the cruise missile, is the sort of weapon that falls inside or outside the 2400 "limit"). This is their "arms limitation."

Political Purpose of Talks

The SALT talks are big political capital for the two superpowers, beside whatever financial benefits they gain by putting a few areas of weapons development out of bounds. Together, they use the talks to display their power to the world, to intimidate and throw fear into the world's people, and pump up the illusion that the only hope for world peace is these two world gangsters sitting down and talking about "disarmament," as phony as it is.

Separately, they each use SALT to battle each other. Since SALT

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WHO'S WINNING THE ARMS RACE?

Hardly a week goes by without some big "military expert" publishing an article to the effect that the United States has become the number two power in the world. The Soviet Union gets the top spot. Usually, this piece bewailing the sad state of U.S. arms concludes that there must be billions more for defense. With almost the same regularity, articles pop up in Pravda, saying that the U.S. is still the number one power and that the USSR, number two, has got to shell out more rubles for defense. Both sides can't be right.

Arms buildup is a hot topic. Ten years ago there was no question that U.S. imperialists were the main military power in the world. Since that time, however, the Soviet Union has engaged in an unprecedented expansion of arms. In areas where the Soviets were inferior in the past, like naval strength, it is not so clear who's got the upper hand.

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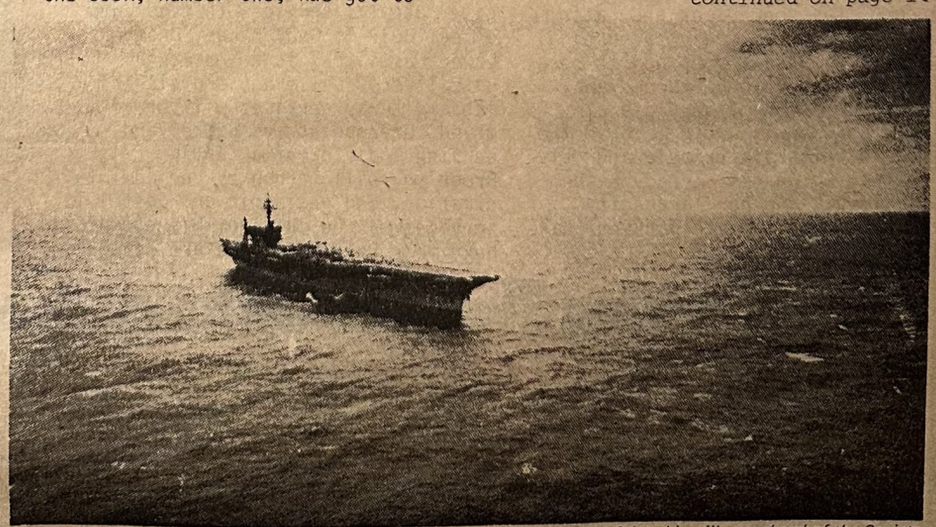


In spite of the Soviet Union's military growth, U.S. imperialism is still powerful and is still way ahead of the Soviets in global reach. World War 2 proved that sea power is vulnerable to air power and the U.S. is way ahead of the New Czars in aircraft carriers, therefore better able to give its ships air cover in every corner of the world. Above, the aircraft carrier USS Kennedy.

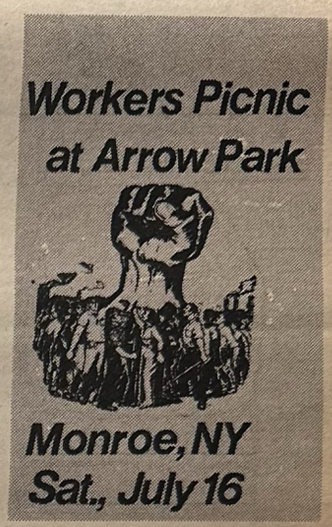
Seize The Time In '77: Build A National Workers Organization

The Organizing Committee for a National Workers Organization is planning two important events as part of building for the founding convention in Chicago on Labor Day weekend.

The first is a speaking tour by representatives of the Organizing Committee. Workers from many battles will lay out how the formation of this organization will make possible a big advance in the movement of the working class. The speaking tour will include meetings with local workers organizations and plant gate rallies.

With the tour will be the first showing of the full length color movie, *BATTLE OF THE BICENTENNIAL- 1976*, which tells about the demonstration held in Philadelphia under the slogan WE'VE CARRIED THE RICH FOR 200 YEARS, LET'S GET THEM OFF OUR BACKS'

Workers picnics are also going to be held by the Organizing Committee. Besides great food, beer and sports, these picnics will help raise the funds necessary to send workers to Chicago for the founding convention.



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Elections Advance Struggle

The workers at Eagle Electric in Queens used the recent Shop Committee elections to build up their strength.

The shop committee in a UAW shop is important. It is chosen by a plant wide election and is in charge of all grievances, and at contract time is the negotiating committee. The UAW leadership wanted to use this election to tighten their control of the union machinery, especially since many fighters have been elected shop stewards recently. There were United Workers Organization members on the last negotiating committee during the 5 month strike, and this was used by the rank and file to keep informed and build up the resistance.

Since the strike, the union chiefs have started to bad mouth the UWO campaign. They have spread rumor after rumor, and told the workers to stay away from the UWO--"they're all a bunch of communists, they don't care about the workers. You should stay with the UAW, you don't need the UWO."

There was no way to take on the elections without taking on this union campaign. The UWO put out a program of what the shop committee should be and what it should do--fight and organize the workers around the biggest issues of the day, things like speedup and harassment and low pay and unsafe conditions and no job security.

And the UWO answered the union rumor mill by putting things right out front. They put out a leaflet to every worker at Eagle asking 4 big questions that were out there--and giving their views.

"Why do the union leaders always cry communist when workers stand up and fight?" They talked about how crying "communists!" is an old tactic used to divide workers, and how it only strengthens the bosses. And yes, there are communists in the UWO. They are hard fighters for the working class, and they say that the bosses are to blame for what is going on. And furthermore, you don't have to be a communist to see things at Eagle are rotten--it just takes one day working there.

"Why do the union leaders act like they own the union?" Even though the union chiefs sit high and mighty now, the unions were built by the workers, and one big battle is to get these misleaders out of the way. And as for strike benefits, they are not gifts from the leaders, like they claim, but come from the union members all around the country.

"Why did the strike last 5 months?" The union leaders said it was because of the UWO. But the truth is that's how long it took to beat even a little out of the company. And if the union had organized things, it might have taken less time to drive the company to the table.

After dealing with these things, the last question was Why vote for the UWO candidates--and here the program of struggle came out, and the fact that they were fighters for the working class.

This leaflet sparked big discussion throughout the plant, and pulled together groups of workers who went out to their departments to organize other workers. The Election became a big issue throughout the plant.

When the votes came in, the union slate had won. And this was a bad thing for the workers. But over 300 workers out of about 1000 voted for the UWO candidates. Many workers used their vote to stand up in the face of the vicious attacks by the union leaders on their struggle. And the UWO was out there as a fighting organization that is serious about the task. The task now is to keep up the fight, and unite with workers throughout the plant to take on every last abuse that comes down. And the election struggle shows that this is just what is going to happen.

Thousands of Puerto Rican people lined 3rd Avenue from 78 Street to 120 Street on May 29 to greet the Puerto Rican Day Parade. It stretched for blocks, and like most parades it had its share of marching bands, batan twirlers, baseball teams, beauty queens and floats.

But this parade is different than most, because this parade is infused with the spirit and pride of the Puerto Rican people and their long struggle for freedom. The loudest cheers greeted the huge Puerto Rican flag-30feet by 60 feet-carried by La Raza Unida, an organization of Puerto Rican activists. Puerto Rican people old and young saluted the flag with fists raised. Workers from Metropolitan Hospital, serving the community of Spanish Harlem, removed their caps.

BENEFITS TO STRIKERS RESTORE UNEMPLOYMENT

As soon as they heard about the court decision, the UWO took it on. In one plant, a petition against it was circulated the next day. Above, a picket line in front of the court house against the decision.

New York and Rhode Island were two states in this country where workers on strike could collect unemployment benefits, after an initial waiting period. But a May 24 federal court decision in New York threatens to wipe this out. These benefits, which were won through hard struggle in the '30s in New York and more recently in Rhode Island were a great aid to workers in many long hard fought strikes in their struggles aganst the bosses. These benefits meant that workers could better stand up to the vicious attacks of the capitalists and were better able to weather the sacrifices necessary in this struggle without seeing their families face impoverishment and their children starve.

In Rhode Island over the last few years, the Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce and the Providence Journal have been building a campaign to strip away these benefits. With editorials, stories and phony public opinion polls they were trying to create public opinion against these benefits supposedly out of concern about the problem of unemployment. One businessman exposed his "concern" when he complained that he couldn't expand his business in Rhode Island as long as workers didn't have the threat of starving over their heads out on strike.

This year with its economy in shambles, Rhode Island business led by the Chamber of Commerce and Providence Journal were pushing especially hard to wipe these benefits out through the Rhode Island State Legislature. Workers in Rhode Island formed a Workers Committee to defend Striker Benefits. They took this fight out to fellow workers, gathered hundreds of signatures against the proposed cuts and in other actions, including a picket line at the Providence Journal on March 25, exposed the bosses' "concern for the unemployed" for what it was. On April 13, the workers committee successfully beat back the cuts following an organized protest of 400 workers at the legislative hearings on the bill.

But now a federal judge has declared a law granting unemployment benefits to strikers unconstitutional, following a suit brought by New York Telephone.

According to the court decision, states granting unemployment compensation during a strike goes against the government's collective bargaining "policy of neutrality" between employers and strikers. The judge called the payment of benefits to strikers "state intervention on behalf of the strikers!" This so-called policy of neutrality comes as a big surprise to millions of workers who have had to battle government intervention and interference on behalf of the bosses, from police harassment and attacks on picketing workers, to court injunctions against strikers, to federal laws hamstringing or outlawing strikes. Long experience of the working class shows that the government is never neutral and certainly not in strikes, but is used by the employing class to keep struggles of workers down and to try to bust them up.

In reality, this decision to wipe out benefits of striking workers has nothing to do with government neutrality, but is a blow aimed at the working class. To suddenly find these benefits unconstitutional after 40 years under this lying neutrality cover is outrageous. It clearly springs from the crisis the capitalists are in and their organized onslaught against the whole system of unemployment insurance as a way out of their mess. Coming on the heels of massive cuts in unemployment benefits, slave wage laws to force the unemployed into low paying jobs, and other attacks, including replacing unionized municipal and state employees with the ranks of the unemployed, this new decision is another attempt to break the back of workers' struggles, to bust up the unions and to drive workers into the hole of degradation and impoverishment.

The final verdict on this decision has not been fully heard. The New York-Northern New Jersey United Workers Organization and the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee are taking up the fight and are building for an action in front of the "bastion of neutrality" which handed it down, the federal courthouse in New York City. And the workers in Rhode Island and throughout New England will also continue to battle this attack.

US Metals Skirmishes Point To Contract Fight

Workers at U.S. Metals (which mainly processes copper) in Carteret, N.J. have an important contract fight brewing. With the contract expiring June 30, U.S. Metals workers, unlike workers in basic steel can still ratify their own contract and have the right to strike.

This contract comes on the heels of one of the worst nationwide settlements for steelworkers in years. Company and union leaders alike praise the negotiated "Guaranteed Annual Income". It means workers with 20 years seniority are eligible for a 40 hour week pay if laid off, but they must accept "suitable" work in any steel plant anywhere in the country. A joint company union committee has been established to divide what the rank and file will have to give up for this "prize". Both U.S. Metals and the Local 837 officials are pushing the nationwide contract as a "pacesetter", for other USWA divisions, hoping this will act as a deadweight on the workers' struggle for real demands.

Since 1974 overproduction and competition among the companies has caused the price of copper to fall from $1.50 to 75¢ a pound. U.S. Metals has been forced to try to automate some of the operations, driving workers onto the unemployment lines and pushing through job combinations. Many workers have pensioned off, with no replacement by even the workers on layoff.

Inside, workers have put up some resistance to these attacks, especially in 2 key departments, the Tankhouse and the Smelter. Last month, in the Tank House, a mudman was asked to do a washer's job. But he refused and when all the mudmen stood behind him the company backed down. In the Smelter, workers weren't getting their bonus for weeks until they busted into the foreman's office ready to rip it apart. These fights were small but significant because the company has gotten over on the workers countless times in the past without any open resistance.

The Metals Committee of the United Workers Organization has put out a call for workers to pull their struggle together and make this contract a real battle of all the workers. In the leaflet they put forward six demands: (1)Written job description--No widening of job descriptions. (2)Real job security. (3)Increased pension--30 and out at any age. (4)Substantial wage increase with improved COLA (5)Paid sick days. (6)No take aways or trade offs.

Workfare--Involuntary Servitude

"They are the dregs of society. By the time they have to come here, they have reached rock bottom." So says the director of Milwaukee's workfare program, talking about the single mothers and the disabled forced into his program. His is the plan put up by the federal government as a model for the country. Carter recently announced a plan that would force 400,000 single welfare mothers into jobs and reduce their payments to a $47 weekly maximum. And New York City has devised a new workfare plan to force welfare recipients to work for the city 3 days a week for their checks.

The Milwaukee director says "We offer them that first step back up and that's what we try to get across to them: If you can work for $2 an hour you can work for someone else for more." But this is no kind of a step at all. Working for below minimum wage is no step anywhere. And there are no jobs out there--if people could find decent jobs they would be working anyway. So there's nothing to "step" to, besides back to unemployment and welfare again.

Besides that, the figures on who's getting this welfare speak for themselves. 8 million of the 11.3 million on welfare are kids. The rest are mostly single mothers. 3 million have children under twelve years old. Only 300,000 have children over 12. So as soon as their children are old enough, these mothers seek jobs to support their families if they can. But for many with no daycare and no jobs to be found, welfare is the only **alternative** to the streets. Workfare is no solution--it's slavery, working for below union wages to bail out the city once it lays off thousands of unionized workers.

Most welfare mothers would prefer jobs to welfare, if those jobs could support their families. But this forced cheap labor is like slavery. And for city workers the workfare programs are a blow to their jobs and their unions. Why hire anyone at union wages and benefits if you can do it for free? And by forcing more people off aid either through workfare or through unemployment cuts, the government is creating a favorable situation for the employing class. The situation of no money forces people to take anything just to keep alive. That's what the bosses want. So when people fight for better conditions and pay, they can force us to take cuts--"there are thousands out there just waiting for your job." Driving welfare mothers into these forced labor jobs is one more aid to the bosses in their drive to crush us down, and it must be opposed. DOWN WITH THEIR SLAVE WAGE JOBS! NO WORKFARE!

CETA Jobs: A Heel On Backs Of Unemployed

Headlines ripped across America-Carter signs $20 billion jobs bill. Almost all attending the Rose Garden signing, enthusiastically applauded the administration's efforts to put America back to work.

$20 Billion is a lot of money, there should be a lot of jobs-things should be getting better? But what we see is not what we get. The jobs bill requires a closer examination.

Once cleared of the business employment tax credit, a revision in the standard tax deduction, and countercyclical revenue sharing, and the rest, the jobs program is almost cut in half! The three programs directly creating jobs are the $4 Billion Public Works program, the expansion of Public Service Employment by 415,000 jobs, and the $1.5 Billion Youth and Manpower Training program.

So even though the jobs were puffed up by the business tax credit and the other things, the unemployed should be better off by at least the $10 billion plus job creating programs? No, as it turns out the jobs program is being financed with money, equal to the money taken from the unemployed in benefits and other projects.

The cuts in unemployment benefits, the phasing out of 26 weeks of Federal Supplementary Benefits and the Supplementary Unemployment Assistance (SUA) means the compensation rolls will be reduced by one million unemployed workers. Also a number of water projects are being cancelled, throughout the country.

Will the jobs program affect the loss of benefits for 1 million unemployed, will it offset the lost water projects? No. Public works projects are allocations given to cities and, later for building. The administration claims it will create 300,000 jobs for the construction trades. But at best this will be

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Youth in Action:

WE DEMAND JOBS!

THE U.S.: NEW YORK YOUTHS SEEKING WORK IN SUMMER-JOB PROGRAM
Just "hanging around" has become an occupation in itself.

Young people in New York learned early that it is going to be another long, hot and jobless summer. Unemployment for youth is tremendous, and it is well over 50% for minority youth. So people were outraged when the Daily News blew the whistle on 200 of the city's leading politicians. They had reserved youth jobs in the parks for their children and children of friends--all before the rest of us even knew that there were any jobs to be had.

Beame and his pals backed down fast. They said they would do it the "fair" way, with a jobs lottery. 13,000 young people applied for the jobs. The city was going to pick 2,000 names out of a hat, and of these, only 1100 would get the jobs. The rest were supposed to suffer quietly since the whole thing was so fair.

Youth In Action, a fighting youth group, didn't think there was anything fair happening. What's fair about a lottery that tells thousands of kids they can't work this summer? What's fair about a system that throws them out into the streets with nothing to do and no future ahead but the search for some McDonaldland slave wages? And this when there is so much in New York that is crying out for the enthusiasm and muscle of the youth.

Youth In Action organized a group to go to the first public lottery. They had a banner that said WE DEMAND JOBS, marched in and started chanting. They wanted some answers from the officials--show us what is fair about having nothing in a system that just doesn't provide for people.

The camera crews were there, but their job was to show how good this lottery was, so they took no pictures of the demo. Then the head man offered to let Youth In Action pick out the next name, to show it was all on the level. This offer was accepted, and Youth In Action pulled out over 50 names all at once from the box, and demanded that all of them get jobs right away. No, the official said, that would not be fair.

The whole spectacle was an insult. The rulers want to tell us that all is fair and equal. But the truth was over 10,000 youth were sent home without jobs, many in tears after having been used for a publicity stunt for Mayor Beame. And you know the politicians will pull some other string for their kids. There is nothing fair about it--and Youth In Action will be out there all summer organizing so that the day when we don't have to live this way comes soon.

JOBS OR INCOME NOW--

Wages Cut, Benefits Slashed and More

'Drop' in Unemployed Covers Real Attacks

When the unemployment statistics for April were released, newspaper headlines declared "Unemployment at 7%-Lowest Level in 29 Months!", "90 Million Hold Jobs-Highest Number Ever!" The government called the decline in unemployment from 7.3% to 7% "not only substantial, but also widespread." Jimmy Carter, who was elected promising to reduce unemployment, now claims that the economy is recovering faster than he had expected, indicated that he considers unemployment to no longer be the problem he said it was at election time. Soon after all this fanfare, the real directions things are headed in came out at the summit conference Jimmy attended in London, where the major capitalist leaders openly worried about economic collapse and the threat to their profit system continued high unemployment and inflation present.

All their publicity is fooling few unemployed - 6.7 million workers in this country still out on the street looking for jobs that don't exist. Even this "official" figure for unemployment is a sham. Government statistics count as happily employed the millions of workers who are being impoverished paying full time bills on part time jobs, because that is all the work they can find. And by their arithmetic, workers who've found the expense, trouble and useless frustration of searching for what isn't there, hopeless, and given up the search in desperation, don't even count. In fact, one of their own studies, which isn't given any publicity, showed that one third of men and one half of women go off their unemployment statistics in this way.

"Recovery" On Backs of the Workers

Even the figure of a record number of people working, which has been pointed to as a sign of "economic recovery" shows this "recovery" is placing real hardships on workers and their families. While the number of people working is at record numbers, the percentage of men working has been declining in the last few years. Many older men have been forced to retire early following a layoff, since no one will rehire them despite their experience, while many young men catch it the other way - no one is easily hired without experience. At the same time, 60% of the increase in the work force has been women. These women aren't working for "pin money" or to fill up their leisure time, but because they have to. A large number of husbands are out of work or just can't support their families on one paycheck anymore.

While there has been a relative improvement in the rate of unemployment in the last year and many of those of layoffs have been called back, many have not. To the extent that the economy has recovered at all, that is to the extent the bosses have jacked up their profits, this has been achieved by working fewer workers harder and for longer hours. Through speedup, job combination, forced overtime and overall harassment, production has been boosted back to pre-recession levels, but with fewer workers. An example of this is the auto industry which is now producing almost as many cars as before, but with 114,000 fewer workers on the line and by making them work 58 and 60 hours a week.

At the same time, workers who were permanently laid off have been forced to find other jobs, often at lower pay. The increase in the size of the workforce in the last couple of years has been among generally lower paying jobs, while the number of people working in relatively higher paying and unionized production industries has been dropping. Plants have been closing down, some to reopen elsewhere with no union and lower wages, while union members who were working these jobs have been forced into non-union work. 35 year old men and women, heads of families, have been reduced to taking jobs previously held by teenagers - such as waitressing, or pumping gas - at the pay teenagers make.

So that is what they call a recovery - a reduction in unemployment. Squeezing more work out of fewer workers at generaly lower pay, the capitalists have been able to pump more life into their system - somewhat. But because this recovery has been achieved by pushing down the standard of living of people overall and thus their ability to buy back what's produced, this helps set the stage for yet another pileup of unsold goods, and therefore another round of layoffs, this time on top of those who've yet to "recover" from the last. The number of unemployed is now almost twice as high as in any other previous recovery and in fact higher than in most previous recessions since World War 2. Far from just passing through alternating "good times and bad times" as they claim, the overall direction is for things to get worse.

Trying to Divide Employed and Unemployed

While all capitalists are in cut-throat competition with each other to make it through, all agree that it's workers who must carry the growing weight of their economic crisis. One way they'll try to do this is by increasing the competition between workers for jobs. Newspaper and TV editorials claiming that there are plenty of jobs if the unemployed weren't so "finicky" and "lazy" are meant to create public opinion to use the unemployed as a wedge to drive down the wages and working conditions of the whole working class even more and build support for moves to chop benefits. One organized way this is coming down is through wage jobs.

By cutting unemployment benefits and forcing the unemployed to work at jobs which pay minimum wages, they are hoping to pump their profits up by driving workers

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Over 1000 workers demonstrated March 5th against cutbacks in unemployment benefits. This battle is far from over.

FIGHT, DON'T STARVE!

down. In St. Louis, one of the first places where the slave wage bill is being implemented, a number of unemployed union workers searching for work through their union have reported being cut off from benefits for not looking for and accepting non-union work at non-union wages. Many state legislatures have also passed or are working on bills which would cut benefits more, forcing the unemployed to work for their benefits including crossing picket lines.

Carter's so-called jobs bill is another step in this direction. In part, this bill is a sheer fraud. Rather than provide any new jobs, at least 60% of the public service jobs provided for in this bill are to be used to shift city and state workers over to the federal payroll. But the program is a real attack. The portion of the program disguised as "job training" is meant to "get the unemployed working" by using them to replace other public and private workers at wages about equal to what their unemployment benefits would be, thus weakening the unions and driving down wages overall.

UWOC Continues Fight

To build the struggle against the attacks which are coming down on the unemployed and the attempts to use them against the whole class, the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) has put forward the slogans "Down with Slave-Labor Jobs! Fight for Union Jobs at Union Wages!" Coming off the three month fight against the Carter unemployment bill, including the march of 1000 in Washington, D.C. in early March, many unemployed workers who came forward in this campaign have deepened their understanding and determination and are building this fight as a real battle against the ruling class.

As their poster which is being put up at unemployment centers proclaims,"We say we will not be crushed down by the forces that have caused the crisis in this country. We call on all unemployed workers to join the fight for *Union Jobs at Union Wages* and carry this fight -

"Into every unemployment center where workers are being forced into slave-wage jobs;

"Into every jobs program they set up at below union wage;

"Onto every picket line in unity with workers who are fighting wage cuts and union busting;

"Into the offices of any politician, newspaper editor, or union official who supports the bosses' drive to cut our benefits, lower our standard of living and increase their profits at our expense".

The situation of the unemployed, the way the class of employers are trying to use the unemployed against the rest of the working class and the overall downward direction of the economy that this situation reflects point with extreme urgency to the necessity of building this fight against these attacks as a united fight of the whole working class, employed and unemployed.

Carterville No.4 Coming

On June 7 Carterville #4, a tent city of the unemployed will be set up in Trenton, NJ. Chapters of the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee from Philadelphia, Reading, Trenton, Jersey City-Newark, and NYC will gather at the lawn of the NJ State House.

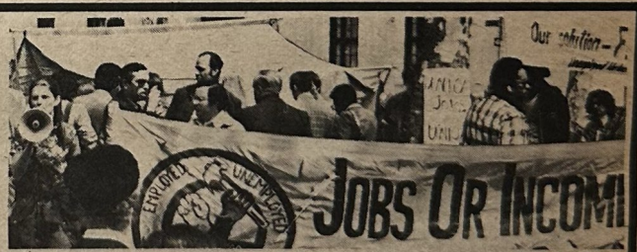
President Carter continues to try to make the situation of the unemployed look like it's getting better. His class of bloodsuckers are in deep economic crisis and need a spokesman like Carter to win over the majority of the people to accept the attacks they are coming down with. On May first Carter quietly signed a bill cutting off 13 weeks of benefits. That bill also has a clause that forces the unemployed to accept any job that pays over their benefits, or else be cut off entirely after 39 checks.

This has opened up a can of worms for the unemployed as new bills and policies follow in its path. Already in NJ 2,000 people were suspended from benefits for a month because they refused to accept slave wage jobs. In NYC the pressure is on with forms and regulations that would make your head spin, all to force people into jobs nobody would otherwise take.

A workfare program that will force numbers of welfare recipients to work for their measly payments has already passed in NY and is coming in NJ. This way, the work of laid off unionized workers will get done at much lower pay. And Carter is using the Public Works Bill to sound like the full employment man of the year, when all it does is be a political showcase. Very few jobs will be provided by shifting the budget from the cut in unemployment benefits, and using it for salaries instead. Money is being pulled out of water projects in the Southwest to finance the troubled cities in the North. But no real decent paying jobs for the millions of people who need them are in the works.

Like that golden oldie goes, "They smile in your face, the back stabbers". It should be Carter's theme song. The tent city in Trenton will be very important in exposing just what the plans of the federal government are and how they are in fact vicious attacks on the working class. And it will point to another road--the road of fighting for what we have to have, union jobs at union wages. And it will actually unite some unemployed to take that road. Like the poster says that UWOC is putting up throughout the area, "We want jobs alright, but decent paying jobs that can't be used to slash wages and worsen working conditions or our employed brothers and sister. On June 7th we're taking a stand!"

Carterville no.2 Charges Dropped



On April 23, the Unemployed Workers Organizing Committee (UWOC) set up a tent city of the unemployed. It was called "Carterville," in the tradition of the shanty towns of the 1930s and Hoovervilles that the unemployed were reduced to living in. Carterville exposed the government's policy toward unemployment. They w want to force the unemployed into low-wage jobs or starve, and with this club, drive down the wages of all workers. The Tent City exposed this and gave a different direction for the unemployed, "Fight--Don't Starve." Demands for union jobs at union wages and unemployment benefits till there are jobs were raised.

This didn't look too good for the politicians. The word came down to stop the Tent City. The cops were sent in, ripping down the tents and arresting four unemployed brothers in the process. People were outraged. There isn't any way the police or the politicians can justify attacking a demonstration of the unemployed for decent jobs. UWOC responded by issuing a leaflet right away at the unemployment centers denouncing the attack and asking just who are the real criminals, who put people out of work in the first place. On the day of the trial UWOC stood outside the courthouse distributing leaflets to all who entered or passed there, letting them know what was going on. It took the judge not more than ten minutes to adjourn the case and dismiss the charges. It was a victory for all workers, showing that we can stand up and we can win. The tents from this Carterville were also given back to UWOC, just in time for Carterville #4 in Trenton, N.J. on June 7th!

Bakeries Rumble, Contracts Up

Contracts are expiring for several thousand bakery workers in the NY-NJ area, as well as for bakeries across the country. Conditions in this industry are bad and getting worse--automation in the past 10 years has led to plant closings and relocations with a fraction of the original workforce producing the same or more as before. Split work-weeks, call-in jobbers, and never being able to take a holiday with their families are some of the conditions bakery workers face. And lately, a wave of harassment and speedup has swept across the area. People have been disciplined with suspensions left and right. Speedup is getting worse squeezing more work out of less workers and causing more unsafe conditions. Bloody Twinkies come down the line in ITT's Jersey plant, and a worker at Drakes in Queens got his arm mangled in an unsafe machine. At abisco the usual seasonal layoffs are getting even longer, with many wondering if they'll ever get called back to work. Jobs are being eliminated left and right, and call-in jobbers never know when or what shift they will be on. The freezers are being filled with cakes dated months ahead, and the summer slowup is coming.

In the face of all these attacks, these contracts are bound to be a battle, with the companies trying to get as much as they can. Bakery workers are beginning to take up this fight raising demands at union meetings, and talking about the need to fight like hell just to survive these days. The union, Bakey & Confectionary Workers Union, has put a stranglehold on their membership. They're telling everyone to wait for the "pacesetter" contract in Cincinnatti, hoping they can get all the locals to rubber-stamp it. They say that if your contracts up before that wait and see and if it's up after that well, that's all you can get. In other words don't do anything and settle for whatever they negotiate. But already there's been some rumblings against this set-up. Workers have shouted demands at business agents, who either just try to ignore them, or say "it's not a valid contract item." The union's rallying points for the contracts avoid the most important issues, trying to take the contract down a dead-end road.

"Break the chains--Make the contract a time to fight" is the headline of a newsletter the United Workers Organization is putting out to all the major bakeries in the NY-NJ area. They are building a fight to take up the key demands bakery workers face and getting the program out to organize the rank and file to take up the fight.

Instead of settling for a rubber-stamp set up where the workers get wtuck with whatever the union leadership and the company shake hands on, the UWO is organizing a fight to break through wherever possible, rallying the rank and file industry-wide for the first time in years, and getting better organized to take on the contract now as well as prepare for future battles with the companies.

Auto Workers Hit Sub Rip-Off

35 Ford workers picketed their own UAW International Region 9 headquarters in Cranford, N.J. on May 20 to say, "UAW Leaders--Stop Helping Ford Motor Co. Rip Us Off!" Ford had started taking $20 a week from paychecks, claiming that the workers owed it to them for "overpayment" of SUB (Supplemental Unemployment Benefits).

The fight centers around payments of about $1200 that the workers got through the Trade Readjustment Allowance Act. The TRA provides federal grants to corporations to increase their strength in foreign competition. It's also supposed to include some benefits to certain laid off workers. Ford's using it to make a double killing. First they fill their pockets with the federal subsidy. Then they turn around and use the TRA grants to the workers as an excuse to snatch back SUB money they're supposed to pay out.

When the truth came out that the TRA was just a way of laundering federal moneh through the workers into the pockets of Ford Motor Co. hundreds of Metuchen workers came to union meetings demanding action against this outrage. The rank and file went to court to face the company and try to keep them from stealing their TRA money, and found that the UAW International had hired an attorney to stand with the company in fighting the workers!

So workers demonstrated at the International's Cranford headquarters in response to a call put out by the NY-NJ United Workers Organization on the urging of many rank and file workers. They went to the UAW headquarters to demand that UAW leaders stop using union dues to help Ford rip them off. They demanded the union start taking up the battle against Ford.

They demonstrated again on Monday May 23, to deal with the head man, Ed Gray, who had been absent the previous demonstration. When Gray realized that the workers wouldn't buy his lame excuses he split. But the workers pushed ahead right in after Gray and presented him with an open letter challenging him to come to the plant and face the membership and try to justify the rotten dealings of the UAW leaders.

Then they took the opportunity to hold a meeting of their own. They decided to circulate the letter as a petition leading to a confrontation with Gray at the plant where the most active rank and file could unite with hundreds more and stand up together right in the face of both the company and their yes-men in the union.

It's getting a lot clearer that from jump the TRA was designed mainly to benefit the companies, and all the b.s. about saving workers jobs from foreign competition is a smokescreen. For exmaple, American Motors qualified for TRA money because of "competition" from another AMerican Motors plant in Canada!

There's already been a lot of discussion and activity in the plants around the rip-off. About a month earlier over a thousand workers signed a petition to authorize an attorney to start action to keep the TRA money for the workers. Later, 850 workers donated $8,500 for legal expenses to fight the case in court.

The court hasn't done anything to stop Ford from this theft, and as the fight develops the workers are relying more on themselves. Forty workers filled the federal courtroom in Trenton the first hearing and twelve more came back to hear a motion for a stay order against the company's $20/week deduction. The United Workers Organization is calling on workers to fill the New Brunswick court-room for a State Court case on June 3--not to "witness justice being done" but to let Ford, the courts and the UAW leadership know that the rank and file isn't going to sit back and be ripped off, even if it is "legal."

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300,000 jobs cycled through the construction of these projects over the course of the next three to four years. For most construction workers this will mean they will work short periods to be laid off again, and more unemployment. Also, almost all these projects are contingent in no-strike agreements.

For the bulk of the unemployed workers, Carter has dished up 415,000 public service jobs. Here in New York, the majority of these jobs will be used to rehire some city workers to stabilize city personnel. This is a key feature of Beame's balanced budget. The city already has 14,000 on these funds to be expanded to 28,000 workers on federal funds. Clearly, this will have only limited impact on the unemployed. Another group will now be driven to compete for these jobs, welfare mothers, who are normally not counted as unemployed. (see article on Workfare).

The public service jobs, and the benefit cuts have also been accompanied by stepped up harassment at the unemployment offices. People are being denied checks because they have not been looking hard enough for work, as determined by unemployment.

Carter the man who said "why pay people $80 a week to do nothing, when we can pay them $100 a week to rebuild railroads." Carter has begun his implementation. For the majority of the unemployed it will mean greater desperation. Desperation that comes out of having no money, and no source of income. Desperation that turns into necessity taking any job no matter how bad. And with a large pool of unemployed, the employed will be driven harder or face firing and easy replacement.

This is not a jobs program. This program drives down the unemployed one step lower. Carter talks jobs, but in essence it's cuts.

THE WORKER Reviews THE GREATEST

Righteous Rebel Who Lost His Punch

"The Greatest." It's the story of Muhammed Ali-the big new film with Muhammed Ali starring as Muhammed Ali, a part nobody else could play. It goes from winning the Olympic Gold medal in 1960 right to beating up George Foreman in Zaire a while back.

Between these two events, big changes went on-both in the struggles of Black people in America, and in the life of Ali. And that's where the problem with the movie lies. These two changes were sometimes moving together, but a lot of the time went down different roads-one forward, one backward. And the Ali of the past, the man respected by millions around the world, is shown on the screen through the eyes of the Ali of today, an overweight huckster and a phony.

Cassius Clay was cool. He was a symbol of the mighty storms of Black resistance of the 60's. He would not sit still for racism. He had it with being called "boy" after even winning a gold medal. So he threw it in the river back home in Louisville. Cassius Clay was not even allowed to eat in the same restaurant his millionaire backers ate in. But he was not going to take it. The movie brings this out strong.

Right after winning the championship from Sonny Liston, Cassius Clay is no more. Instead of a young "boy", there is a strong Black man, a Muslim named Muhammed Ali. He talks with Malcolm X, in some of the movies heaviest scenes. But then Malcolm dissappears. Where to? The movie doesn't say, but Ali knows. When Malcolm was killed by hired Muslim guns for trying to lead Blacks away from dead end Black capitalism, Ali had said it was a good thing that he was dead. We don't see this in the film.

But even after this, Ali was the greatest for real. He stood up and said no to fighting in Vietnam. "No Vietnamese ever called me nigger." And millions the world over cheered. Not the boxing bigshots. They jumped in and stripped his title, drove him out of boxing for 3 years, cost him millions. But Ali stood firm, and would not change his stand. He was a real people's hero, even with all his wild ideas and bragging. When it all hit the fan, Ali was on the right side. But that was back then. And now Ali doesn't look at things the same way. He even plays down this whole episode in the movie.

Everybody was for Ali when he started his comeback. And the way he fought his way back into the stolen heavyweight crown, that's the stuff that movies are really made of. Ali vs. Quarry. Ali-Norton I, Ali-Frazier II, Ali-Foreman, Ali-Frazier III (The Thriller in Manila). This was boxing.

But that's not what the movie leaves you with. It can't because that's not Ali anymore. Ali is a snake, going through wives like they were sparring partners. Ali is a has been, waltzing 15 rounds with the latest stiff to pick up more millions. And Ali is a huckster, coming on the screen with Brut dripping from his chin and mumbling about butterflies and bees like a Black Joe DiMaggio.

Ali has gone all around the country plugging his movie. And everywhere people ask him where the truth went, where's the fire and anger and guts that used to be there. All he can answer is that he has forgiven the boxing bigshots, he has forgiven the courts and everybody for all that happened in the past.

Maybe he has. But we haven't. When he stood up against racism, and the war in Vietnam, Muhammed Ali cast a Big shadow. He was the greatest. Now he will do anything for a buck. Like making this movie as though its another TV commercial. All that can be said is forget about it and try to remember the Ali of the past.

RULING CLASS UNITES BEHIND BEAMS BUDGET

Since Mayor Beame announced the 1978 budget for N.Y.C. in April, there has been a month of discussion, amendments, and approval. But unlike 2 years ago, when the city crisis hit, it's been smooth and quiet. In 1975 the adoption of the budget was marked by stormy sessions between city political leaders, bankers and unions. The main capitalist interests, represented by the bankers, bombarded Beame and demanded an end to the "free-spending days" that characterized city budgets through the sixties and early seventies. Beame was forced to revise the budget time and time again, making more cuts each time. Union leaders and heads of city agencies balked at the cuts, and demonstrations by city workers and community people hit City Hall every day.

By constrast this past month has been quiet. Beame's budget is a well-planned political document, a far cry from the panic budgets of the past 2 years. It charts a new course for the city, a course of permanent austerity and discipline. For the people this means a continued decline in services, a continued decay of life in the city.

The massive cuts of the past are absent from the budget. Beame pieced together a complicated package of funding, including a heavy inflow of one-shot federal aid, to balance the budget and avoid major cuts. In fact he's made a big deal about restoring a few of the services with the federal CETA (job program) money.

For the last few weeks the budget has gone through numerous public hearings, designed to make the people feel like they have some say in it. A few community activists have spoken out at these hearings, but by and large there have been few waves. This is especially important to Beame, who has his eye on the mayoral election in November.

The budget has to go through a few more sessions with various city government bodies, and the Emergency Financial Control Board has to approve, but no major problems are anticipated. Deputy State Controller Schwartz disclosed that if Beame's plans fell through, the city could end up $950 million in the red, but he was quickly hushed up.

It appears that the ruling class is lining up behind this budget and the future that it lays out for the city. In fact, Moody's Investor Service, which had downgraded city bonds to a near default rating when the crisis first hit, recently upgraded city bonds and Big MAC bonds. And the union pension funds have agreed to buy both MAC and city bonds in the near future. This will be the first sale of city bonds in over 2 years. This gesture signifies that the ruling class believes that the city has turned the corner and is slowly on the way back.

But for the people there is no bright future. The cuts of the past few years have devastated city services. Most agencies are so understaffed that even if no more cuts are made, the services will still continue to deteriorate. While no major cuts are slated right now, if any piece of the budget falls through, more cuts will be the response of the rulers. And Beame has already said there will be deficits in the budget for 3 years after 1978 that will be eliminated through further cuts. This is what the new course of the capitalists comes down to. But the people have to sum up the advances made in the heavy struggle of the past 2 years and chart a new course also -- a course of struggle to defend our services.

SALT...

cannot be a total farce-otherwise nobody would believe their propaganda about "peace"-some arms limitation must go on and each is battling to see that it is the other that does more of the disarming.

This is what the U.S. was up to in the March conference in Moscow. Vance took two proposals with him, one a modified official ratification of the Vladivostok understanding. The other was a more comprehensive proposal, one that was hailed far and wide as a "genuine move towards disarmament." The proposal called for a number of cuts in existing arsenals but would have had the effect of having the Soviets cut their inventory by two to five times what the U.S. would have had to. Of course, the Soviet New Czars angrily denounced this plan as totally one-sided. They were particularly ticked off because, in the past, they had made a lot of propaganda victories by presenting themselves as "peace-loving" compared to the U.S.-and they were getting licked at their own game. But the U.S. never expected the Soviets to like the comprehensive plan.

When Vance returned from Moscow it appeared as if the U.S., with a halo of peaceful intentions, has tried to "genuinely move towards disarmament" while the warmonger Soviets had stubbornly clung to their weapons of mass destruction. As far as SALT went, this propaganda victory put the U.S. one up on the USSR and gives the U.S. an edge in holding on to its cruise missile through the coming negotiations, which the U.S. hopes will enable it to establish strategic superiority over the USSR.

Superpowers Prepare for War

Prior to both previous world wars the great powers sat down for various types of disarmament talks, declaring that they would insure peace, but they obviously didn't prevent the outbreak of the global conflicts.

The SALT talks will continue for some time as both the U.S. and the USSR seek to throw sand in everyone's eyes, talking "disarmament" while building nuclear bombs, limiting arms in one area only to build hundreds more in another. They are guided by only two things: the need to stay as strong as possible and the need to get stronger. And the muscle of these world gangsters flex at each other is for one purpose and one purpose only, to seize the other's turf, protect their rackets and battle it out to see which bandit will be the number one exploiter of the world's people, which one can be the greatest cause of human misery chasing their bloody profits.

ARMS...

superpowers, military strength is a vital question. This is not because of some notion about defending the nation's people but rather to defend "American interests," of "Soviet interests," which are nothing more than these two imperialists far-flung empires of "allies," client states and nations bordering on outright colonies. As Mao Tsetung pointed out, "Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun," and the superpower status of the U.S. and USSR rests on the fact that they can field the most powerful armies in the world.

Right now, even though the Soviet Union's buildup is still going strong, the two superpowers are roughly equal in strength. What the U.S. lacks in quantity, it makes up for by the quality of its weaponry, what the Soviets lack in quality they make up for with big numbers. And of course, each side has its bloc, NATO and the Warsaw Pact, of which the NATO, allied with the U.S., is far stronger than the Warsaw Pact allies of the Soviet Union.

On the Central Front

One big example given to show how much worse off the U.S. is in relation to the Soviets is the number of tanks on the Central Front (the border between East and West Germany). U.S. imperialist spokesmen moan because the USSR has a 3 to 1 advantage over the U.S. in tanks. But a deeper look into the figures shows that the U.S.'s figures are distorted.

If the tanks of both NATO and the Warsaw Pact are included (those available for the Central Front), then the ratio drops to closer to 2 to 1 in favor of the Warsaw Pact. But overall, NATO tanks are superior to Soviet tanks and far superior to the 1950's vintage equipment the Soviets have been dumping on countries like Poland. The NATO tanks have better rangefinders (for a higher first shot/first kill ratio), longer range and more ammunition (able to stay in battle longer).

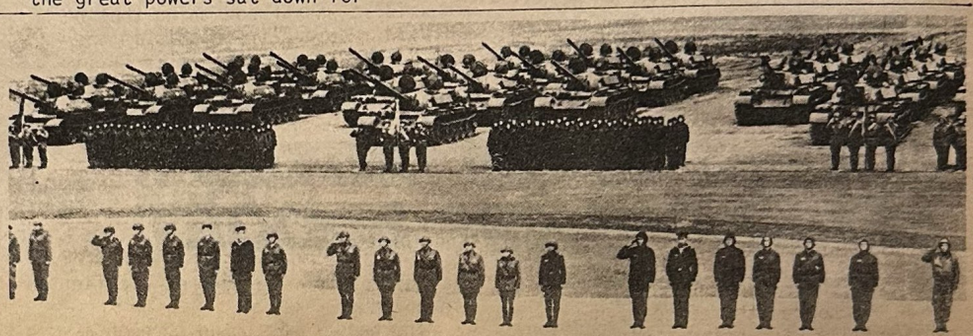
Besides, NATO is not relying entirely on tanks to knock out Warsaw Pact tanks. Ever since World War 2 when tanks became the centerpiece of ground combat forces, every arms producing nation has attempted to come up with cheap ways of knocking them out. Today, there are dozens of anti-tank missiles in the field and it is generally recognized that U.S./NATO's technology is more advanced here.

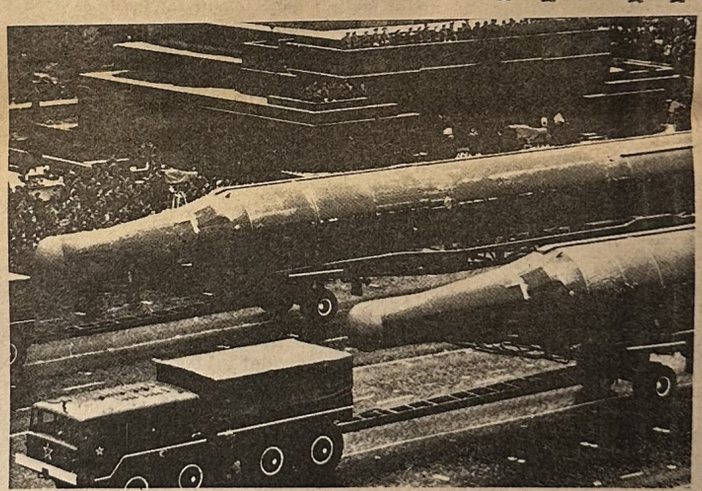
In this short article it is impossible to adequately analyze as complex a question as military balance, but just using tanks as an example, the Soviet superiority in tanks is balanced out by NATO's superior ability to knock them out.

The "We're No.2" Song and Dance

The point of all this "we're number two" song and dance by both the superpowers is simple. The situation of relative parity that exists now, especially in the field of conventional forces, is temporary, at best. To win the widest possible support for greater "defense" spending, each of the imperialist giants points to the military might of its rival. For example, it would be much harder for the U.S. ruling class to claim that the U.S. is the toughest bunch on the green earth and still convince the American people they should dig into their pockets for a few tens of billions more. With the cities falling apart, education a shambles, crime, dope, unemployment benefits being cut and so on, most people just won't buy it.

The U.S. and the USSR are locked in a deadly combat, a confrontation in the political, economic and military arenas that is heading toward world war-to see which one of them can become the dominant power on earth. Their interests are opposed and their armies face each other in Europe. Pleas for a stronger "defense" are nothing more than pleas to prepare for war. And such a war, to defend and extend imperialist empires, not in the interests of the masses of people, in the U.S., the Soviet Union or anywhere else.





Parades of tanks and missiles are a feature of Russian life as they send the message to the U.S., as well as to their citizens, that for all their talk of peace they're preparing not for detente, but for war.

S. African Press Loves Him

Andy's Raggedy Act Exposed in Africa

Andrew Young was in Africa again in May, pumping for Carter's "new" Africa policy.

While Young has come under attack from some capitalists in the U.S. because of his outspoken remarks about the minority regimes in Rhodesia and South Africa, his role and the overall designs of the Carter administration policy towards southern Africa became much clearer during his trip. Jauntily wearing the mantle of "Hero of the Third World," recently bestowed on him by Carter, Young is attempting to head off the growing and militant armed struggle being waged by the liberation forces of southern Africa.

Before his South Africa visit Young attended the UN-sponsored International Conference in support of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia he called for reliance on diplomatic and economic pressures by the U.S. and Western European countries to bring about changes in South Africa, Rhodesia and Southwest Africa.

He slandered the effectiveness of guerrilla wars being waged in southern Africa, touting the superior military forces of the white rulers and urged the people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Azania (South Africa), and Namibia (southwest Africa) to take the road of non-violence and economic and moral pressure.

But when he was pushed by African leaders to back up this newfound concern of the American government for liberation, he was forced to back off. In response to pressure for the U.S. to support a total economic boycott of South Africa and Rhodesia and to impose military sanction and halt the shipment of arms to these white minority regimes, Young said that the U.S. just couldn't do that, "because it would interfere with U.S. diplomatic efforts."

Needless to say, African representatives were not pleased with Young's arrogant nonsense. As one Nigerian diplomat, a personal friend of Young, put it: "Ten years ago if I heard the speech in Atlanta I would have found it interesting, now I find it irritating...we are not talking about improving the lot of Africans. We're talking about liberation. People are dying in Zimbabwe and children were killed in Soweto. Meanwhile, United States investment in South Africa has grown to $2 billion."

Andrew Young, as executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), attempted to contain this struggle, especially as it grew in militancy and scope, within the bounds acceptable to the U.S. ruling class and channel it into Democratic Party politics.

While hundreds of thousands of people were rising up against generations of discrimination and the denial of democratic rights, Young was busy developing his skills by negotiating with representatives of the U.S. ruling class for a few concessions. But the concessions that were won were not gained by such negotiations with the oppressors, but by the force of the masses of people rising up in rebellion.

All of Andy Young's jive talking militancy about southern Africa and his lofty position in the Carter administration are aimed at sidetracking the struggles of Black people in the U.S. and the African peoples.

The game plan of the Carter administration is to make it appear that it is changing the course of American policy, that it is for majority rule in southern Africa. Another South African paper was even more effusive in its praise: "...the truth is that the man who helped lead Southern Negroes from rags to riches came preaching old-fashioned capitalism with missionary zeal...He did something else. He expressed huge optimism in South Africa's future-more optimism that bewildered businessmen or paralyzed government politicians have been able to muster all year." And certainly more optimism than they have any basis to enjoy in the face of the mounting struggle of the people of Azania.

Above all Andy Young's purpose, like that of Mondale, Carter and the rest of the politicians, is to protect the interests of the U.S. ruling class in Africa. All the double talk is geared to this end. Andy was more explicit in a statement in Chicago after his nomination as UN Ambassador: "I don't think the U.S. has but one option and that's neo-colonialism. As bad as that has been made to sound neo-colonialism means that the multinational corporations will continue to have major influence in the development and productive capacities of the Third World. I don't think any African administration has yet been able to escape from that, the capital technology happens to be in the hands of the people who are called neo-colonialists." And Young's job is to make sure that the U.S. imperialists maintain their hold on Africa. Young, has a particularly important role to play, because he is Black and can claim participation in the U.S. civil rights movement. His task is to line up the masses of Black people in America behind Carter, to get people to put trust in his smiling face and noble words and to convince the people fighting for liberation in Africa to abandon their own interests and let the U.S. resolve the situation in its own best interest. In short his role in Africa, as it became in the civil rights movement is to get people to channel their struggle into directions that don't threaten the profits and the system of the bloodsuckers who own and run the U.S.

He is certain to have even less success in Africa than he did in the U.S. in sabotaging the peoples' struggles.

SST Gets Ready to Roar

The SST continues to hit stormy weather trying to land at JFK Airport in New York. Massive public action has forced the Port Authority to ban the British-French speed demon in opposition to a federal ruling in 1976 which calls for 2 landings a day at Kennedy Airport for a 16 month trial period. To date one plane lands a day at Dulles in Washington DC.

Just last month U.S. District Court Judge Milton Pollack ruled that the P.A. acted illegally in stopping the SST. Pollack said, "local regulations may not override national purposes". But what are these "national purposes"?

The U.S. government finds itself in a bind. They have to contend with the tremendous determination of the people to stop the SST at any cost. But the "national purposes" it has to protect is its relation with its ally capitalists in France and Britain. France and Britain have invested 3 billion dollars in the SST-Concorde. If they can't land in the US, especially in NY, a financial center, what good is it to them? They stand to lose a tremendous amount of money and the US stands to have its "Friend of the Free World" image tarnished that much more.

The SST was a big boondoggle in the first place. But the only reason US corporations didn't build one themselves was because they couldn't make any profit off it. Boeing scrapped the idea years ago after the federal government propped it up with millions of dollars in subsidies.

But if the French and British want to have a go at making a buck at the expense of our neighborhoods, that's O.K. with the federal courts. Besides, stopping the SST goes along the same lines as imposing tarriffs and limiting imports from other countries, a policy the US capitalists don't like right now because it deters their ability to have a free hand in ripping off other countries for their own profits.

All this doesn't change the fact that thousands of people will be subjected to earpiercing noise flying over their heads, sometimes at an altitude of only a few hundred feet. Just four days after Judge Pollack's ruling, over 2000 cars drove into Kennedy airport bringing traffic to a halt. They were backed up by 50 boats on Jamaica Bay, which needed the police to turn them back. The weekend before, another motorcade of only a few hundred cars jammed up Kennedy.

Far from discouraging the fight to keep the SST out of Kennedy, Judge Pollack's ruling has angered the people so much that their ranks are swelling. THE WORKER went to one of the protest motorcades at Kennedy Airport. People came from all over Long Island and different boroughs with their children and their neighbors, with signs honking horns and an anger that is not going to blow over easy. As we go to press the court battle continues with appeals forthcoming. But one thing is certain. The decision of the people is to keep that plane out of their back yards.

Hospitales...

el camino por venir. Lynaugn, quien ademas de estar encargado de HHC es el director ejecutivo de la Agencia Federal para la salud. El ano pasada la HSA salio con un plan para consolidar todos los hospitales de la ciudad, ambos municipales y privados, en uno solo sistema consistiendo dicho sistema de un Imperio Medico regado en toda la ciudad. El resultado final sera menor servicios para menos personas a un costo mas alto.

Otro paso estan siendo tomado hacia el proposito que fue presentado en el reporte de HSA. Ya la HHC ha hecho un llamado para que se unan algunos delos servicios de los hospitales el cual se pondra en efecto julio 1. Gouvenour, en el bajo Manhattan, este sera una obrita del Bellevue, y todos sus servicios de rayos-X ylaboratorio seran mudados.

Greenpoint y Cumberland, prestando servicios a dos areas diferentes seran administrado por una sola administracion, y pediatria y maternidad puedan ser cortados a Greenpoint. El proximo ano ambos hospitales estan senolador para ser cerrados y ser reemplazado por Woodhull hospital de la ciudad, el cual no esta cerca de los dos. Y testimonio por algunos de los oficiales de la ciudad han levantado algunas dudas de que esta hospital en verdad sea abierto como un hospital de la ciudad.

Solamente la resistencia de la comunidad ha parado el cierre de Sydenhan y Bird Coler Hospital. Ademas, el Imperio de Montefiere en el Bronx esta "activamente tratando" (palabra de su propio presidente)de comprar el Hospital North Central Bronx el hospital de la ciudad que fue abierto despues de 2 meses de batalla llevada por los obreros, personal y gente de la comunidad, el pasado otono.

Una situacion similar se esta desarrollando en el hospital de Coney Island, el cual presta servicios, a miles de ancianos en Brooklyn pues hay rumores que dicho hospital sera vendido a intereses privados. Los ataques a los hospitales de la ciudad es un golpe para la gente de New York y las ultimas uniones y cortes tienen su mayor efecto en los comunidades donde los servicios han sido los peores, Harlem, Chinatown, Bajo Manhattan el sur del Bronx. Comunidades de los minorias, donde la existencia delos hospitales de la ciudad es un asunto de vida o muerte.

Tal como las minorias y la gente trabajadora han luchado para lograr estos servicios que ellos necesitan, ellos estan luchando para mantenerlos.

Batallas pequenas y grandes se pelean continuamente en torno a los hospitales de la ciudad. El mes pasado, la gente en Harlem demostraron en el hospital Logan un hospital pequeno voluntario donde la Corporacion de Hospitales corto los servicios de Abulancia para Emergencia en vez de cerrar Sydenham. La demostracion llevo el mensaje a la comunidad de los negros "diciendo" ninguno de los hospitales son gran cosa pero lo necesitamos ambo, y nosotros no vamos a cambiar uno por otro. En Gouvenear una pequena accion de la comunidad. El Comite Medico pro Derechos Humanos y la Organizacion de los Obreros Unidos han golpeado los cortes al presupuestos los cuales iban a dejar a miles de negros, Latinos Chinos y otros minorias, gente trabajadora sin hospitales en el Bajo Manhattan. Y a medida que las condiciones de trabajos se deterioran rapidamente con la atricion, rebajando el personal el aumento de rapidez en el trabajo, maltratos en los trabajos esto ha dado el comienzo a la chispa para nuevas luchas. En el Lincoln, obreros en 2 departamentos han estado peleando los maltratos de sus supervisores, trabajo extra forzado, rapidez en el trabajo y personal. Juntos a otros obreros y personal ellos han puestos boletines para organizar la resistencia a los cortes. Y la lucha esta llamada a crecer, a medida que los politicos y oficiales del gobiernos afilan sus achas.

Andy Young...

drew Young, al igual que Mondale, Carter y el resto de los politiqueros, es proteger los intereses de la clase dominante de EEUU en *Africa. Como Young lo admitio muy francamente en un discurso en Chicago despues de su nominacion como* embajador de EEUU a la ONU, "Creo que EEUU no tiene otra salida menos que el neocolonialismo. Aunque sea una palabra fea a unas personas, el neocolonialismo quiere decir que las corporaciones transnacionales seguiran teniendo una influencia mayor en el desarrollo y las capacidades productivas del Tercer Mundo. Creo que ninguna administracion africana ha podido escapar de este hecho, que la tecnologia capital esta en manos de los que llaman neocolonialistas." Y es el trabajo de Young el asegurar que los imperialistas de EEUU puedan mantener sus garras en Africa.

En esto Young tiene un papel especialmente importante porque es negro y puede decir que ha tomado parte en el movimiento por derechos civiles en EEUU. Su tarea especifica es convencer a la gente negra a que apoyara a Carter, y convencer a los pueblos luchando por su liberacion en Africa a que debiera abandonar sus propios intereses y dejarle a EEUU resolver la situacion en sus intereses. En breve, su papel en Africa, al igual a lo que llego a ser su papel en el movimiento por derechos civiles, es convencer a la gente a canalizar su lucha en un camino que no amenece las ganancias y el sistema de los chupasangres que poseen y dominan EEUU.

Cierto que tendra aun menos exito en Africa que ha tenido en sabotear las luchas populares en EEUU.

Victoria al Pueblo del Africa del Sur

Fila tras fila, la gente se salio marchando del Parque Kalorama, gritando su solidaridad resuelta con la lucha de los pueblos de Africa del sur, mientras la gente en las acercas grito su apoyo. Mas de 1600 personas tomaron parte en la marcha del Dia de Liberacion Africana en Washington, D.C. el 28 de mayo. Marcharon a la Casa Blanca para dejarle saber a Jimmy Carter y la clase dominante rica que le emplea a el que la gente americana no van a aguantar sus maniobras y ataques contra los pueblos de Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Namibia (Africa Sudoeste) y Azania (Sudafrica). Fueron negros, blancos, latinos y gente de toda nacionalidad, y en toda cara se vio el mismo espiritu unido y militante. Los numeros, el espiritu y la consciencia de los que marcharon--coya determinacion a marchar habia sido aumentada por las amenazas del Ku Klux Klan a atacar la manifestacion--senalaron un renacimiento del Dia de Liberacion Africana en EEUU.

Al frente de la marcha estuvo la Brigada Soweto, nombrada por el pueblo donde se enfocaron los alzamientos urbanos en Sudafrica el ano pasado, con acerca de 600 estudiantes y jovenes, muchos llevando las camisas "T" rojas del Dia de Liberacion Africana, y una bandera grandisma declarando, "Que Viva el Espiritu de Soweto!"

El proximo contingentes estuvo compuesto de trabajadores organizados por el Comite Organizado para una Organizacion Nacional de Trabajadores. A pesar del hecho de que no se enfoco la movilizacion para el Dia de Liberacion Africana en las fabricas, 350 trabajadores de todas nacionalidades vinieron para mostrar solidaridad internacionalista para el pueblo sudafricano.

La gente vino a Washington con un espiritu luchador. Volvio a casa con su determinacion redoblada por la manifestacion. El espiritu de Soweto, que esta estremeciendo a toda Africa del sur, el 28 de mayo tambien estremecio las paredes de la Casa Blanca.

Andy Young Desenmascarado En Africa

Andrew Young estuvo en Africa otra vez en mayo, promoviendo la "nueva" politica africana de Carter. La prensa de EEUU presto atencion por lo mas a la visita de Young a Sudafrica, donde al principio el gobierno blanco racista indico que iba a rechazarle la entrada a Young porque solo haria "declaraciones inflamatorias y fomentaria discontento." Pero Young persistio, y durante su visita tuvo un serie de mitines con hombres de negocio, oficiales del gobierno y lideres negros.

Aunque Young ha sido atacado por parte de algunos capitalistas de EEUU por sus observaciones francas acerca de los regimes minoritarios en Rhodesia y Sudafrica, sin embargo por el curso de su gira se hicieron mucho mas claros su verdadero papel y las metas en general de Carter respecto a Africa del sur. Llevando el nombre de "campeon del Tercer Mundo" que Carter le ortogo a el recientemente, Young esta tratando de poner los frenes en la creciente y militante lucha armada de las fuerzas de liberacion en Africa del sur.

Antes de ir a Sudafrica Young asistio a la Conferencia Internacional auspiciada por la ONU en *apoyo a los pueblos de Zimbabwe y Namibia que tomo lugar en Maputo,* la capital de Mozambique recientemente libertado. Alli predico un sermon a los lideres de Africa negra y las fuerzas de liberacion en Africa del sur tocante al movimiento pro derechos civiles en EEUU y la futilidad de la lucha armada contra los gobiernos de estado-policia de Sudafrica y Rhodesia.

Aprovechando del hecho de que es negro y declarando que recibio un entendimiento del racismo "con la leche de mi madre," Young amonesto a los lideres africanos respecto a las tacticas correctas para ganar la liberacion. Declarando que la mayoria de los paises de Africa habian ganado su libertad por negociaciones con sus antiguos gobernates colonialistas y no por la lucha armada, les aconsejo que se apoyaran en la presion economica y diplomatica de EEUU y otros paises europeos para hacer cambios en Sudafrica, Rhodesia y Africa Sudoeste.

Calumnio la eficacia de las guerras de guerrilla ahora tomando lugar en Africa del sur, elogio las fuerzas militares superiores de los gobiernos blancos, y aviso a los pueblos de Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), Azania (Sudafrica) y Namibia (Africa Sudoeste) a seguir el camino de no-violencia y presion moral y economica. Especificamente recomendo los boicoteos economicos de los negocios blancos por el pueblo de Zimbabwe como el metodo mas eficaz para acabar con la dominacion blanca minoritaria.

Dando a entender que hablo por parte de todos americanos negros, Young dijo, "No somos immunes a las luchas que enfrenta Africa...Nosotros mismos hemos conocido a estas luchas y por eso esta administracion esta resuelta a llevar a cabo cambios en el mundo conforme con el nuevo espiritu de America que resulto de una revolucion silenciosa y no-violenta." Esta "revolucion silenciosa y no-violenta," dijo el, inspiro a los estudiantes a oponerse a la guerra de Vietnam y desperto a los mexicano-americanos, los indios y las mujeres a forjar "la nueva coalicion para cambios" que logro la eleccion de Carter.

Pero cuando los lideres africanos le apreto a Young a mostrar cualquiera prueba de esta nueva preocupacion del gobierno americano para la liberacion, fue forzado a retirarse. Respondiendo a presion para que EEUU apoyara un boicoteo economico total de Sudafrica, ademas de sanciones militares y el fin de todos embarques de armas a estos gobiernos blancos minoritarios, Young reacciono diciendo que EEUU no podia hacer esto porque "esto danaria los esfuerzos diplomaticos de EEUU."

Claro que a los representantes africanos no les gusto esta tonteria arrogante de Young. Como lo explico un diplomatico de Nigeria, "Si yo hubiera escuchado esta intervencion hace diez anos, me habria interesado. Ahora la encuentro pesada...No estamos hablando de como mejorar la suerte de Africanos. Estamos hablando de la liberacion. La gente esta muriendo en Zimbabwe y en Soweto se les mato a ninos. Mientras tanto, la inversion americana en Sudafrica ha crecido a $2 billones."

Las observaciones de Young no solo fueron una distorcion de la lucha armada masiva en Africa que gano la independencia del colonialismo de mucho de Africa y un consejo venenoso para la lucha en Africa del sur, tambien fueron una distorcion sinverguenza de la tremenda fuerza de las luchas por derechos civiles y la liberacion negra que estremecieron EEUU.

Como director ejecutivo de la Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Andrew Young trato de refrenar la lucha negra, sobre todo cuando esta crecio en militancia y alcance. Trato de encerrarla dentro de los limites aceptables a la clase dominante y canalizarla en el Partido Democrata. Desde su punto de vista, la lucha negra alcanzo sus metas--fue electo para el Congreso y entonces elevado a posiciones mas altas en cambio de sus esfuerzos para ganar votos negros para Carter. Mientras cientos de miles de gente se estaba levantando contra generaciones de discriminacion y la falta de derechos democraticos, Young se ocupo con avanzandose a si mismo negociando con los represntantes de la clase dominante para unas concesiones. Pero estas concesiones se ganaron por la fuerza de las masas en rebelion y no por ningunas negociaciones con los opresores.

Para Andrew Young, la culminacion de esta lucha fue la eleccion de un nuevo presidente con sus promesas nuevas de igualdad y dignidad para el pueblo negro en America. Pero al igual que las promesas viejas, fueron vacias, sin contenido. La lucha negra ha logrado avances reales, pero ahora muchos de estos ya han sido arrebatados de nuevo. Una decada despues de los alzamientos en Watts, Newark, Detroit, Harlem, Chicago y cientos otras ciudades, el pueblo negro todavia es victima diaria de la represion policiaca, forzado a habitar los ghettos aruinados, con las peores de escuelas malas y el desempleo dos veces mas alto que lo de la poblacion blanca.

Toda la falsa "militancia" de Andrew Young respecto a Africa del sur y su alta posicion en la administracion de Carter tiene como unica meta despistar las luchas del pueblo negro en EEUU y de los pueblos africanos.

Lo que la administracion de Carter tiene planificado es tratar de crear la aparencia de un cambio en la naturaleza de la politica americana, como si fuera de repente en *favor del establecimiento de gobiernos* mayoritarios en Africa del sur. De hecho, mientras Young estaba en Africa, el Vice Presidente Mondale fue a Austria para encontrarse con John Vorster, el jefe del regimen reaccionario sudafricano. Mondale anuncio que habia hablado "duro" con Vorster diciendole que no podia contar con el apoyo de EEUU. Asi, segun Mondale, la "mancha moral" del apoyo estadounidense para Sudafrica y Rhodesia desde hace muchos anos ya ha sido quitada por esta nueva "posicion dura" en favor de un gobierno mayoritario.

A la vez en Sudafrica, Young estaba tratando de convencer a los negociantes y oficiales de gobierno sudafricanos que estas declaraciones no les amenazaban. Como apunto un diario blanco sudafricano, "Los hombres de negocio descubieron que Young realmente hablaba su lengua--en terminos del sistema de libertad de empresa al cual esta totalmente comprometido." ¡El sistema de libertad de empresa el cual en Sudafrica depende totalmente de la esclavizacion de la labor negra! Otro diario sudafricano alabo aun mas a Young: 'La verdad es que el hombre que ayudo a los negros pobres del Sur a hacerse ricos vino encomiendo el puro sistema capitalista con el entusiasmo de un misionario...Ademas, expreso su confianza enorme en el futuro de Sudafrica--mas optimismo que los comerciantes perplejados o los politicos paralizados han podido tener todo el ano." Y claro que este optimismo tiene muy poca base frente al surgiendo lucha del pueblo de Azania.

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EL WORKFARE ESCLAVITUD INVOLUNTARI

"Son los pesimos de la sociedad. Para el tiempo cuando lleguen aqui, han quedado por el suelo." Asi dice el director del programa de Workfare de Milwaukee, hablando de las madres solteras y de los invalidos que fueron forzados a estar en su programa. Su plan es el plan que fue establecido por el gobierno federal como modelo para todo el pais. Recientemente Carter anuncio un plan que forzaria a las 400,000 madres solteras ya recibiendo Welfare a tomar trabajos y que reduciria su pago hast el maximo de $47 por semana. Y la ciudad de NY ha creado un plan nuevo de "Workfare" para forzar a los que reciben welfare a trabajar para la ciudad por tres dias cada semana para recibir sus cheques.

Este director de Milwaukee dice, "Les ofrecemos ese primer paso para adelante y eso es lo que tratamos de explicarles: Si puedes trabajar por $2 por hora, puedes trabajar para otra persona por mas." Pero este no es paso ninguna. Trabajar por el pago mas bajo del minimo no es ningun paso a ninguna parte. Y, no hay trabajos- si la gente pudiera encontrar los trabajos decentes, trabajarian de *todos modos*. Entonces este 'paso' no va a ninguna parte sino al desempleo y al welfare otra vez.

Aparte de esto, las estadisticas acerca de quien esta recibiendo este welfare se hablan. 8 millones de los 11.3 millones de personas que reciben welfare son ninos. El resto por la mayor parte son las madres solteras. 3 millones tienen ninos de menos de doce anos de edad. Solamente 300,000 tienen ninos mas grandes de doce anos. Entonces, tan pronto que sus hijos son bastante grandes, estas madres buscan trabajo para sostener a sus familias, si pueden. Pero, para muchas sin guarderia de ninos y sin trabajos (por no existir), la unica alternativa irse a las calles es el welfare. Workfare no es solucion- es la esclavitud, trabajando por salario mas bajo que de nion para salvar a la ciudad cuando despide a los miles de obreros ya organizados.

La mayoria de las madres que reciben welfare preferirian trabajar que a recibir welfare, si esos trabajos podrian sostener a sus familias. Pero esta labor forzada y barata es como la esclavitud. Y para los obreros de la ciudad, los programas de workfare son ataques contra sus trabajos y contra las uniones. ?Por que dar trabajo a alguien pagandole el salario y los beneficios de union mientras que pueda darselo pagandole nada? Y por forzar fuera de la ayuda a mas gente, por medio del workfare o de los cortes de la colecta, el gobierno crea una situacion buena para la clase de jefes. La situacion de no tener dinero forza a la gente a tomar cualquiera solo para sobrevivir. Eso es lo que quieren los jefes. Pues, cuando la gente lucha por las condiciones y el salario mejor, pueden forzarnos a aceptar los cortes--"Hay miles de personas que estan esperando el trabajo tuyo." Forzar a las madres ya recibiendo welfare a tomar estos trabajos de labor forzada es ayudar otra vez a los jefes a aplastarnos, y tiene que ser opuesto.

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Obreros Confrontan Escuela Rompeunión

Durante el mes pasado trabajadores han quitado la tapa de lo que se suponía iba a ser algo estrictamente confidencial—un serie de seminarios para enseñar como quebrar uniones y "Mantener Afuera a la Unión." Asistiendo a estas conferencias están representantes de muchas de las más grandes compañías del país, pagando cientos de dólares cada uno para el derecho a participar. Pero en acciones iniciadas por el Comité Organizador para una Organización Nacional de Trabajadores, los trabajadores les están enseñando algo grátis: una prueba del tipo de lucha organizada que pueden esperar a ver de esta organización después de su fundación el fin de semana del Día de Labor en Chicago.

Como parte de su empuje para exprimir aún más de la labor de los obreros, los capitalistas han financiado una compañía que se llama Advanced Management Research (y otra llamada Executive Enterprise) para auspiciar un serie de encuentros en ciudades a través del país con el Dr. Charles Hughes, el infame antiguo dirigente de la compañía Texas Instruments, una compañía no-unión que paga sueldos de hambre. Los representantes corporativos quienes asisten a estas conferencias quieren mantener secreto su presencia y así evitar mala publicidad. Pero sin embargo, el Comité Organizador para una Organización Nacional de Trabajadores ha "virado la tortilla" y les está haciendo sudor a estos patrones.

Por ejemplo, dos días después del Primero de Mayo, acerca de Seattle, 25 obreros piquetearon una de estas conferencias y una delegación obrera entremetió en la sala y confrontó a los executivos, leyendo una declaración denunciando sus tácticas de rompeunión.

Uno de los patronazos se puso muy bravo y gritó al portavoz del Comité Organizador, "?Y donde trabaja usted?" "Yo trabajo en Bethlehem Steel, ?donde trabaja usted?" respondió el trabajador. Ninguno de los comerciantes tuvo el valor a responder. La clase obrera está orgullosa de sus luchas, pero los representantes de la clase patronal tuvieron miedo de asociar los nombres de sus compañías con los planes rompeuniones. Fueron forzados a llamar a la polica para desembrollarse de esta situación tan desconcertante.

El 12 de mayo los trabajadores contraatacaron simultaneamente en Nueva York y Detroit. Cuando el seminario vino a Detroit un grupo de 15 trabajadores lo piquetearon, y luego marcharon adentro. Tenían planificado tomar el mitín, pero cuando encontraron a los executivos con sus cachetes llenos de comida, los confrontaron. Discubieron a un representante de la compañía Ford tratando de esconderse y evitar que su presencia en la conferencia llegara a ser conocida—!fíjase eso, que un representante de una compañía de auto se atrevió a participar en tal conferencia, en Detroit, el seno de la unión de trabajadores de auto!

A la misma vez en Nueva York 25 trabajadores asaltaron la jefatura de la Advanced Management Research y clavaron un "!Aviso!" en la pared. Mientras el yeso cayó a la alfombra de lujo, los sanguijuelas quienes dirigen esta compañía esquirol leeron la declaración de guerra contra sus actividades. Dijo, en parte, "Ustedes son lo más bajo de lo bajo, iguales a los hampones de compañía que derramaron nuestra sangre durante las grandes campañas para organizar nuestras uniones en los años 1930. Hampones vestidos en trajes de lujo todavía son hampones. Dondequiera que vayan ustedes por todo el país, se les confrontarán los piquetes, respondiendo a la llamada del Comité Organizador para una Organización Nacional de Trabajadores. Ustedes están tratando de usar estas conferencias para pisotearnos al suelo, pero nunca vamos a permitirlo. Dondequiera vayan, estará gente obrera."

En muchas areas se ha traido la movilización contra estas conferencias en las uniones. Acerca de Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, en el local de UAW de Latrobe Casting donde los trabajadores están en medio de una huelga militante, el Comité Organizador se juntó con el local para tener un mitín de 45 trabajadores acerca de la conferencia rompeunión y la cuestión de como desarrollar la huelga.

En Milwaukee, en el local 232 de la Allied Industrial Workers de la planta Briggs and Stratton, el local más grande de la ciudad, los trabajadores de fila emprendieron la campaña para "Romper los Rompeunionistas," forzando a los oficiales de unión a permitir que el Comité Organizador escribiera un artículo en el noticiero oficial de la unión, y la Junta Executiva de la unión prometió a introducir una moción contra los seminarios en el próximo mitín. Los locales de la unión de acero (USWA) 1208 en Seattle y 3669 en Chicago han condenado oficialmente las conferencias de rompeunion.

Claro está que los chupasangres rompeunión están empezando a sentir el calor mientras el Comité Organizador moviliza a nuevas secciones de trabajadores en contra de este ultraje. Estas acciones comenzantes también lo hace más claro la capacidad que tendrá la organización nacional de trabajadores después de su formación, para enfocar la fuerza de trabajadores a través del país en campañas mayores contra otros abusos perpetuados por el patronato. ■

Pasa dia de los Obreros en el Parque Arrow Monroe, NY

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Carterville 4 Viene

El dia 7 de Junio la Villa de Carter, #4, una casa de campana sera montada en Trenton, N.J. capitulos del Comite Organizador de los Obreros Desempleados de Filadelfia, Reading, Trenton, Jersey City, Newark y NYC se encontraran en la alcaldria de New Jersey.

El presidente Carter continua tratando de hacer la situacion de los obreros desempleados que parezca como que esta se esta poniendo mejor, la clase de Jimmy Carter esas sangrifillas estan en una crisis economica profunda y necesitan uno que habla por ellos como Jimmy Carter para ganarse la mayoria de la gente para que acepte los ataques que ellos nos estan mandando. El dia primero de mayo el, muy despacio firmo la ley que corto 13 semanas a los beneficios por desempleo. Esta misma ley tiene una clausula que forza a los obreros desempleados aceptar cual quier trabajo que pague por encima de los beneficios o de lo contrario sera cortado despues de haber firmado cheques por 39 semanas.

Esto abrio la lata de gusanos para que sigan su curso las leyes y las politicas nuevas.

Ya fueron suspendidos 2,090 en New Jersey por haberse negado a coger diebos trabajos con salario de esclavos.

En New York la presion esta ya funcionando con formas y regulaciones que hace que la cabeza les de vuelta a uno, todo para forzar a la gente a coger trabajo que nadie cogiera si tuviera otra cosa.

Un programa de Workfare que forzara a los que reciben Welfare a trabajar por las miseria del cheque que reciben, dicha ley esta pasada en New York y vendra a New Jersey. De esta manera los trabajos de los obreros con union que han sido despedidos seran realizados por menos salarios.

Y Carter esta usando la ley de los trabajos publicos como un cuadro politico. Muy pocos trabajos seran ofrecidos cambiando los beneficios por desempleo para ser usado para pagar salarios. El dinero que iba a ser para el proyecto de agua ha sido sacado en el Sur-Este para financiar la cuidad del Norte que estan en problema. Pero no hay trabajos con pago decente para los millones de obreros desempleados que necesitan trabajor.

Tal como dice ese adajio "Ellos le sonrien en tu cara y a la espalda tuyos te clavan el puñal" esta debiera ser la cancion de Carter. La Casa de Campana en Trenton, New Jersey sera muy importante en desenmascarar tal como son los planes del gobierno Federal y como en verdad estos son ataques viciosos a la clase trabajadora. Y esta va a senalar el otro camino a seguir, el Camino de la lucha por los que nosotros necesitamos, trabajos de union con salarios de union. Y esto va a ayudar a unir algunos de los obreros desempleados a tomar dicho camino. Tal como el letrero del COOD que se ha puesto en toda el area. Si nosotros queremos trabajos, pero trabajo con salarios decente que no puedan ser usado para cortar los salarios y emplorar las condiciones de trabajos de nuestros hermanos, hermana obreros que todavian estan trabajando.

El dia 7 de junio nosotros estamos tomando una postura.

Desfile Puerto Riqueno miles de la gente Puerto Riquena se agruparon en las calle 78 y 3era avenida hasta la calle 120 para presenciar el desfile Puerto Riqueno el domingo 29 de mayo. Esta se extendio a lo largo de las cuadras y tal como otros desfiles esta tenia banda caroza, equipo baseball bellezas y otros delegaciones. Pero este desfile es diferente a los otros, pues este desfile estaba lleno del espiritud y el orgullo del pueblo Puerto Riqueno en su larga lucha por la libertad.

Los aplausos mas ardiente fueron con motivo de ver la enorme bandera Puerto Riquena de 30 pies de ancho por 60 pies de largo llevada por la Raza Unida, una organization de los Puerto Riquenos activistas. Gente Puerto Riquena, mayores de edad, jovenes, saludaron la bandera con los punos en altos. Trabajadores del hospital metropolitan, el cual presta servicios a la comunidad hispana de Harlem, se quitaron los sobreros para honrar. Y a cada paso del desfile la gente comenzaba a cantar la Borinquena:

Que bonita bandera
Que bonita bandera, la bandera Puertoriquena,
Mas bonita se viera si los Yanquis no la tuvieron.

Juventud En Accion- Demandamos Trabajos

La juventud en NY aprendio temprano que sera otro verano largo, caliente y sin trabajo. Desempleo por la juventud es increible, y es mas que 50% por la juventud minoria. Entonces los jovenes fueron enojados cuando la Daily News decubrio los 200 de los politicos importantes de la union. Ellos han salvado trabajos para jovenes en los parques para sus hijos y hijos de amigos--antes de los demas de nosotros supimos que habia trabajos.

Beame y sus amigos asienten de prisa. Ellos dijeron que lo hiceria en una manera "justo" con una loteria de trabajos. La ciudad queria elegir 2,000 nombres de una sombrero, y de estos, solo 1,100 tendrian los trabajos. Los demas debian sufrir tranquilo porque todo eso era tan justo.

Juventud en Accion, un grupo de lucha de jovenes, no pensaron que habia ninguna cosa justa. ?Que es justo acerca de una loteria que dicen a miles de muchachos que no pueden trabajar este verano? ?Que es justo acerca de un sistema que echan la juventud a la calle con nada para hacer y ningun futuro adelante menos algun salario de esclavitud en McDonalds? Y eso, cuando hay tanto para hacer en NY Que grita por el entusiasmo y el musculo de la juventud.

Juventud en Accion organizo un grupo para ir a la primera loteria publica. Tuvieron una bandera que dijo NOSOTROS DEMANDAMOS TRABAJOS. Estuvieron marchando y gritando. Ellos quisieron algunas respuestas de los oficiales-muestrenos lo que sea justo con un sistema que no puede proveer por la gente. Gente de la television vinieron, pero su trabajo era mostrar como era la loteria tan bueno, entonces no sacaron fotos de la demostracion. Entonces, el oficial ofrecio a la Juventud en Accion a sacar la proxima nombre, para mostrar les que era "justo". Esta oferta fue aceptado, y Juventud en Accion cogieron mas de 50 nombres al mismo tiempo de la caja, y demandando que todos reciben trabajos en seguida. No, el oficial dijo, eso no seria justo.

Todo este espectaculo era un insulto. Los duenos quieren decirnos que todo es justo y igual. Pero la verdad es que mas de 10,000 jovenes regresaron a sus casas sin trabajos, muchos llorando despues de estar usado por un truco de publicidad para Beame. Y sabemos que los politicos arreglaran algo por sus propios hijos. No hay nada justo con eso-y Juventud en Accion estara organizando todo el verano pues que el dia cuando no tenemos que vivir asi viene mas pronto.

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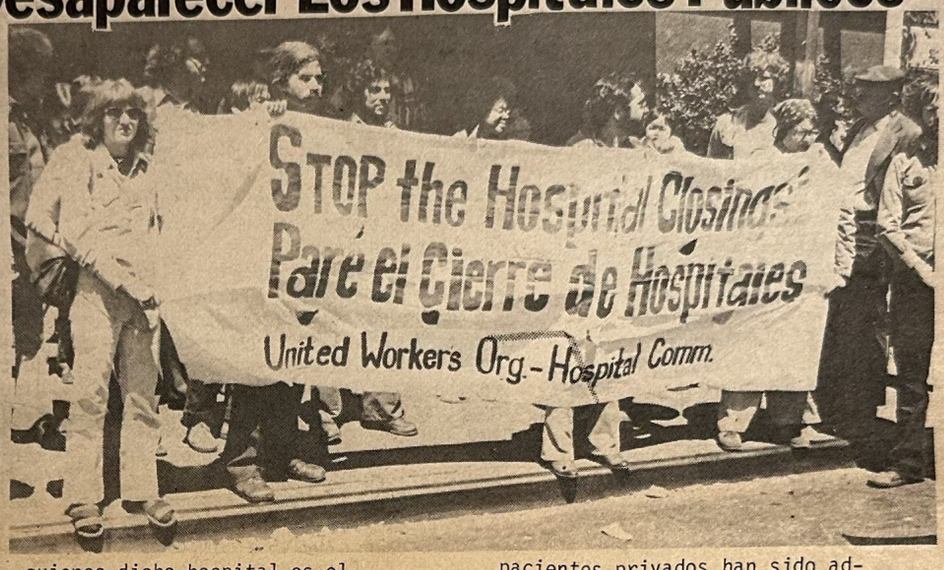

En el primer acto de la Corporacion de Hospitales y salubridad desde que el alcalde Beame reorganizo esta y la trajo bajo su control mas fuerte, los gobernantes de las cuidad tomaron otro paso hacia la eliminacion del sistema del hospital municipal.

La HHC propuso que pediatria y los servicios de maternidad en Flower y Quinta Avenida un pequeno voluntario (organizacion de no ganancia, privados) en el bajo de Manhattan sea mudado al Metropolitan, un hospital grande de la ciudad que presta servicios en el lado este de Harlem en Manhattan. En retorno doctores de Flower seran capaces de usar las camas del Metropolitan con sus pacientes privados.

Aunque esto parezca como que los residentes de Harlem ganaran mas servicios, en la actualidad todos los servicios de la comunidad de Harlem pueden ser reducidos a travez de este plan. Y a medida que mas pacientes privados son admitidos al Metropolitan los pobres negros y Latinos para quienes dicho hospital es el unico hospital donde reciben atencion medica van a ser rechazados.

La union de estos servicios de Flower y Metropolitan es una movida grande en la direccion de integrar hospitals privados y publicos, el cual ya comenzo a suceder en el Bellevue, otro hospital grande de la ciudad donde pacientes privados han sido admitidos tambien.

El nuevo ejecutivo vice-presidente de la HHC, Joseph Lynaugn dijo que la union "representa el primer paso para toda una reorganizacion de los hospitales voluntarios y privados de la ciudad". Reorganizaciones mas grandes estan el

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Openen Campaña Barata de la Union

Los obreros en la Eagle Electric usaron las elecciones para shop comite para enforzar su fuerza.

El shop comite en una fabrica de la UAW union es importante. El comite esta elegido por una eleccion por toda la fabrica y esta encargado de todas las quejas, y durante el tiempo del contrato esta en negociaciones. El liderato de la UAW quiso usar este eleccion para aumentar el control de la maquinaria de la union, especialmente ahora que muchos luchadores fueron elegidos recientemente. Habia miembros de la Organizacion de Obreros Unidos en el ultimo comite de negociaciones durante la huelga de 5 meses, y eso fue utilizado para mantener los obreros informados y para construir la resistencia.

Desde la huelga, los jefes de la union han empezado a desfamiar la campana de la OOU. Propagaron rumor despues de rumor, y dijeron a los obreros mantenerse afuera de la OOU- "Todos ellos son comunistas, no les importan los obreros. Quedense con la UAW, no necesita la OOU."

No habia ninguna manera de entrar las elecciones sin enfrentar esta campana de la union. La OOU puso adelante una programa diciendo lo que debe ser y debe hacer este shop comite. luchar y organizar los obreros acerca de las cosas principales del dia, cosas como rapidez en el trabajo y maltratos, salarios bajos, condiciones del trabajos peligrosas y no seguridad del trabajo.

La OOU respondio a los rumores de la union directamente. Escribieron un volante a cada obrero. Enfrentando 4 cuestiones grandes-y dando su vista. "?Porque los lideres de la union siempre gritan comunista cuando obreros se levantan para luchar?" Ellos hablaron acerca de como eso es una tactica vieja usado para dividir los obreros, y como eso solo enfuerza los jefes. Y que si, hay comunistas en la OOU. Son fuertes luchadores para la clase y ellos dicen que los jefes tienen la culpa por lo que esta pasando. Y ademas, no tiene que ser una comunista para ver que las cosas en la Eagle son podridos-solo tiene que trabajar alli un dia. "?Porque los lideres de la union piensan que ellos dominarona union?" Aunque los jefes se sientan poderosamente ahora, las uniones fueron construido por los obreros y una batalla grande es empujar estos alcahuetes afuera. Y acerca de los beneficios de huelga, no son regalos de los lideres, como ellos dicen, pero vienen de miembros de la union alrededor del pais.

"?Porque duro la huelga 5 meses? Los lideres de la union dijeron que fue la culpa de la OOU. Pero la verdad es que duro tanto tiempo para golpear eso de la compania. Y si la union habia organizado bien, es posible que hubiera menos tiempo hasta que la compania. empezaron a hablar. Despues de hablar acerca de estas cosas, la ultima cuestion era porque deben votar por los candidatos de la OOU-y aqui. El programa de lucha vino, y la verdad es que ellos son luchadores para la clase obrera.

Este volante inicio mucha discusion en la fabrica, unio grupos de obreros que empezaron en sus departamentos a organizar otros obreros. La eleccion fue una cosa grande para toda la fabrica.

Cuando, contaron las votas, los candidatos del liderato de la union habian ganado. Y eso fue una cosa mala para los obreros. Pero mas de 300 obreros de 1000 que votaron por los candidatos de la OOU. Muchos obreros usaron su voto para levantarse enfrente de los ataques viciosos de los lideres contra la lucha de los obreros. Y la OOU estaba alli como una organization de lucha que sea serio acerca de su faena. La faena ahora es seguir en la lucha, y unir con los obreros por toda la fabrica para enfrentar cada abuso que viene. Y la lucha de la eleccion muestra que eso es exactamente lo que va a pasar.